

Peter's Great Escape

Acts 12

Lesson 47

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Read Acts 12:1 – 16

Peter was arrested and sentenced to die. Four squads of soldiers were keeping watch...some even chained to him. King Herod did not want Peter to get away. He *really* wanted to see Peter die! But, it would have to wait until after Passover. So, while Peter is chained to two soldiers in a prison cell with other soldiers standing guard outside, constant and earnest "prayer was offered to God for him by the church." So, when Peter knocked on the door of Mary's house, why was everyone surprised??? Rhoda, the girl who answered the door, was so excited she left him standing on the other side of the gate and ran back to tell everyone he was there. And they didn't believe her! They thought she was going crazy or seeing an angel. When they saw for themselves, they were astonished.

- Are we sometimes surprised when God answers our prayers? Are we praying earnestly, believing completely that "God shall supply all our need?"
- Are we amazed and awed by the power and ability of our God?
- Have you ever thought of keeping a prayer journal? Not to keep up with whether or not God is doing what you want, but so that over time you can look back, reflect, and praise God for answering your prayers better than you could even have imagined.