

For Starters: Who has made a significant positive impact on my spiritual life?

Witness in Judea and Samaria (8:4—12:25)

Peter's Ministry (9:32—11:18)

Peter is Confronted in Jerusalem (11:1-3)

11:2-3 Why were the Jewish Christians criticizing Peter?

Peter's Account of his Ministry to the Gentiles (11:4-18)

11:12 Why did Peter accompany the three Gentiles back to Caesarea?

11:17 What convinced Peter that the Gentiles are welcome in the covenant in Jesus Christ?

11:18 What is "repentance unto life"?

Establishing the Church in Antioch (11:19-30)

Preaching in Antioch (11:19-26)

11:21 How did many of the Gentiles in Antioch respond to the disciples' preaching?

11:23 What does Barnabas' name mean? How is he living up to that name?

Antioch Sends Aid to Jerusalem (11:27-30)

11:28 What is meant by the expression "all the world"?

11:29 How has the church in Antioch inherited spiritually from the church in Jerusalem?

Persecution of the Church in Jerusalem (12:1-25)

Herod Kills James (12:1-2) • Herod Imprisons Peter (12:3-5)

12:1-5 What is Herod doing that the religious authorities in Jerusalem had not dared to do?

12:3 What links Peter's arrest to Jesus?

12:4-5 Compare the worldly and spiritual efforts being made concerning Peter.

Peter is Rescued by an Angel (12:6-11)

12:6-8 How is Peter's miraculous release from prison evoke the Israelies' exodus from Egypt?

Peter Rejoins the Disciples (12:12-17)

12:15 How is Peter's arrival at the house similar to Jesus' resurrection?

What belief is expressed by the people's response to Rhoda's insistence that Peter was there?

Herod Dies (12:18-23) • The Church Thrives (12:24-25)

12:20 Read **Ezekiel 28:2-10** to see how the location of Tyre plays an important part in Herod's death.

12:24 How does the death of Herod affect the Church?

Application: How can I be an encouraging disciple to others?

Application: Where can I find signs of angelic intervention or support in my life?