

## Who's in Charge Here?

Acts 12:1-25

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### 12:1-4 Herod's Power Play

- James, the brother of John, arrested and killed.
- This was politically expedient – so Peter arrested as well!

### 12:5-10 Jail Break

- Peter is in prison & the church is praying.
- Hopeless situation – chained and guarded
- Peter is sleeping (see Mark 4:35-41)
- Angel of the Lord appears: Get up... Get dressed... let's go.
- Peter walks out of prison!

### 12:11-17 Peter on the Run

- Peter's realization – This is not a dream!
- Goes to Mary's house, the mother of John Mark!
- Knocks on door, Rhoda answers, leaves him there...
- Rhoda's announcement – Peter is here.
- Peter's persistence – See Luke 18:1-8

### 12:18-19 The Aftermath

- "No small commotion" – guards executed

### 12:19-23 Herod's Death

- Political pandering – critical supplies: Food
- Herod's speech & response: "This is the voice of a god!"
- Herod struck down!

### 12:24-25 The Church's Life

- The church increased and spread.
- Barnabas and Saul brought John Mark with them.

### Application:

- Who is in charge? (see Proverbs 21:1)
- The Power of Prayer!