

ACTS: LESSON 11

XI. WORK OF THE LORD BEGINS IN ANTIOCH AND ANOTHER PERSECUTION IN JERUSALEM (11:19-12:25)

- A. The word of the Lord comes to the Jews and then to the Greeks in Antioch (11:19-26)
 - 1. Those scattered over tribulation surrounding Stephen come to preach the Lord Jesus.
 - 2. Barnabas from Jerusalem and Saul from Tarsus teach many for a year.
 - 3. Disciples called Christians for the first time.
- B. Famine prophesied for Judea causes disciples of Antioch to send relief to elders by the hands of Barnabas and Saul (11:27-30)
- C. Herod has James put to death and Peter remains in prison during Passover (12:1-5).
- D. Peter miraculously freed from prison by the angel of the Lord (12:6-19).
 - 1. Peter was awakened by an angel at night – chains fell from his hands.
 - 2. Peter led out past the guards to the street – angel departs.
 - 3. Peter goes to the house of Mary, the mother of John Mark – disciples praying.
 - 4. Peter instructs the disciples to tell James of events and then departs to another place.
 - 5. The next day, Herod commands the guards to be put to death.
- E. Herod suffers painful death of being eaten by worms after he fails to give God the glory (12:20-23).
- F. The word of God grows and multiplies (12:24).
- G. Barnabas and Saul return from Jerusalem after fulfilling their work of benevolence (12:25).
 - 1. John Mark returns to Antioch with them.

QUESTIONS:

1. What circumstance allowed for the Gospel to be sent to Antioch?
2. Who first preached the word of the Lord in Antioch?

3. Who was sent from Jerusalem to help in the work of the Lord?
4. From where and from whom did he seek help?
5. “The _____ were called _____ first in Antioch.”
6. Who prophesied a famine that would occur in Judea?
When did the famine occur?
7. In light of the fact that the churches of Judea did not know Saul (Paul) by face, (Gal. 1:22), does this mean that the elders of the Jerusalem church received the funds and had oversight of the benevolent work in Judea?
8. Who persecuted the Christians in Jerusalem after Saul’s conversion?
9. Which apostle was executed when the church was persecuted?
10. What did the church do for Peter while he was imprisoned ?
11. What facts show that Peter’s escape from prison was miraculous?
12. Peter came to whose house when he was led out of prison.
13. Why did Tyre and Sidon want peace with Herod?
14. How did Herod die?
Why?
15. What is meant in the “the word of God grew...”?
16. Who came to Antioch with Barnabas and Saul?