

Acts 11:1-18

Sermon headings

Fresh persecution

Divine deliverance

Divine judgement

Read the passage

1. Look back over the passages we've just studied in Acts.
 - What have been some of the main themes?
 - Which themes re-appear in this passage?
2. How does the text make clear that Peter's rescue was a divine act?
3. What can we learn from the fact that Peter was rescued while James was put to the sword?
4. Can you think of any times when you have been surprised by answered prayer?
 - Why do you think we sometimes doubt that God will answer our prayers?

5. In what areas might you be tempted to accept praise that belongs to God as Herod did?

6. What great reversals happen in these verses?

➤ What do they teach us?

7. Where in the world are Christians being persecuted today?

➤ How can we pray for them?

8. How can we pray for ourselves when we feel that the Christian faith is under attack in our own country today?

Take time to share prayer requests and pray about the things you have discussed.