



“An Anniversary of Violent Hands”

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“Acts: God’s Friends, His Power, & the Ends of the Earth,” pt 13



Acts 2:47...And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

Acts 9:31 ¶ Meanwhile the church ...Living in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, it increased in numbers.



Acts 11:27 ¶ At that time prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch.*

Acts 11:28 One of them named Agabus stood up and predicted by the Spirit that there would be a severe famine over all the world...

Acts 11:29 The disciples determined that, according to their ability, each would send relief to the brothers and sisters living in Judea...



Acts 4:1 ¶ While Peter and John were speaking to the people...

Acts 4:3 ...they arrested them and put them in custody...

Acts 4:21 After threatening them again, they let them go, finding no way to punish them because of the people...



Acts 5:17 ¶ Then the high priest took action...

Acts 5:18 arrested the apostles and put them
in the public prison.

Acts 5:40 ...when they had called in the
apostles, they had them flogged...



Acts 6:9 Then some of those who belonged to the synagogue of the Freedmen...stood up and argued with Stephen.

Acts 6:12 ... they suddenly confronted him, seized him, and brought him before the council.

Acts 7:54 ¶...they became enraged and ground their teeth at Stephen...

Acts 7:58 Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him...



Acts 12:1 ¶ About that
time King Herod laid
violent hands upon
some who belonged to
the church.



Acts 12:2 He had
James, the brother
of John, killed with
the sword.



John 18:28 ¶ Then
they took Jesus from
Caiaphas to Pilate's
headquarters...



John 18:30 They answered, "If this man were not a criminal, we would not have handed him over to you."



John 19:12 From then on Pilate tried to release him, but the Jews cried out, "If you release this man, you are no friend of Caesar. Everyone who claims to be a king sets himself against Caesar."



John 19:14 ...He said to the Jews, "Here is your King!"

John 19:15 They cried out, "Away with him!

Away with him! Crucify him!" Pilate asked them,

"Shall I crucify your King?" The chief priests

answered, "We have no king but Caesar."



Acts 12:3 After he saw that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded to arrest Peter also. (This was during the Festival of Unleavened Bread.)



John 19:4 Pilate went out again and said to them, "Look, I am bringing him out to you..."



Acts 12:4 When he had seized him, he put him in prison and handed him over to four squads of soldiers to guard him, intending to bring him out before the people after the Passover.



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Matt. 20:23 He said
to them, "You will
indeed drink my
cup..."



Acts 12:5 While Peter
was kept in prison, the
church prayed fervently
to God for him.



Acts 12:6 ¶ The very night before Herod was going to bring him out, Peter, bound with two chains, was sleeping between two soldiers, while guards in front of the door were keeping watch over the prison.

Acts 12:7 Suddenly an angel of the Lord appeared, and a light shone in the cell. He tapped Peter on the side and woke him, saying, "Get up quickly." And the chains fell off his wrists.



Acts 12:8 The angel said to him, “Fasten your belt and put on your sandals.” He did so. Then he said to him, “Wrap your cloak around you and follow me.”

Acts 12:9 Peter went out and followed him; he did not realize that what was happening with the angel’s help was real; he thought he was seeing a vision.



Acts 12:10 After they had passed the first and the second guard, they came before the iron gate leading into the city. It opened for them of its own accord, and they went outside and walked along a lane, when suddenly the angel left him.



Acts 12:11 Then Peter came to himself and said, “Now I am sure that the Lord has sent his angel and rescued me from the hands of Herod and from all that the Jewish people were expecting.”



Acts 12:12 ¶ As soon as he realized this, he went to the house of Mary, the mother of John whose other name was Mark, where many had gathered and were praying.



Acts 12:13 When he knocked at the outer gate,
a maid named Rhoda came to answer.

Acts 12:14 On recognizing Peter's voice, she
was so overjoyed that, instead of opening the
gate, she ran in and announced that Peter was
standing at the gate.



Acts 12:15 They said to her, "You are out of your mind!" But she insisted that it was so. They said, "It is his angel."



Acts 12:16 Meanwhile

Peter continued

knocking, and when they

opened the gate they saw

him and were amazed.



Acts 12:17 He motioned to them with his hand to be silent and described for them how the Lord had brought him out of the prison. And he added, "Tell this to James and to the brothers and sisters." Then he left and went to another place.



Acts 12:18 ¶ When morning came, there was no small commotion among the soldiers over what had become of Peter.



Acts 12:19 When Herod had searched for him and could not find him, he examined the guards and ordered them to be put to death. Then he went down from Judea to Caesarea and stayed there.



Acts 12:20 ¶ Now Herod^d was angry with the people of Tyre and Sidon. So they came to him in a body, and after winning over Blastus, the king's personal attendant, they asked for a reconciliation, because their country depended on the king's country for food.



Acts 12:21 On an appointed day Herod put on his royal robes, took his seat on the platform, and delivered a public address to them.



Acts 12:22 The people kept shouting, "The voice of a god and not of a mortal!"



Acts 12:23 And immediately,
because he had not given the
glory to God, an angel of the
Lord struck him down, and
he was eaten by worms and
died.



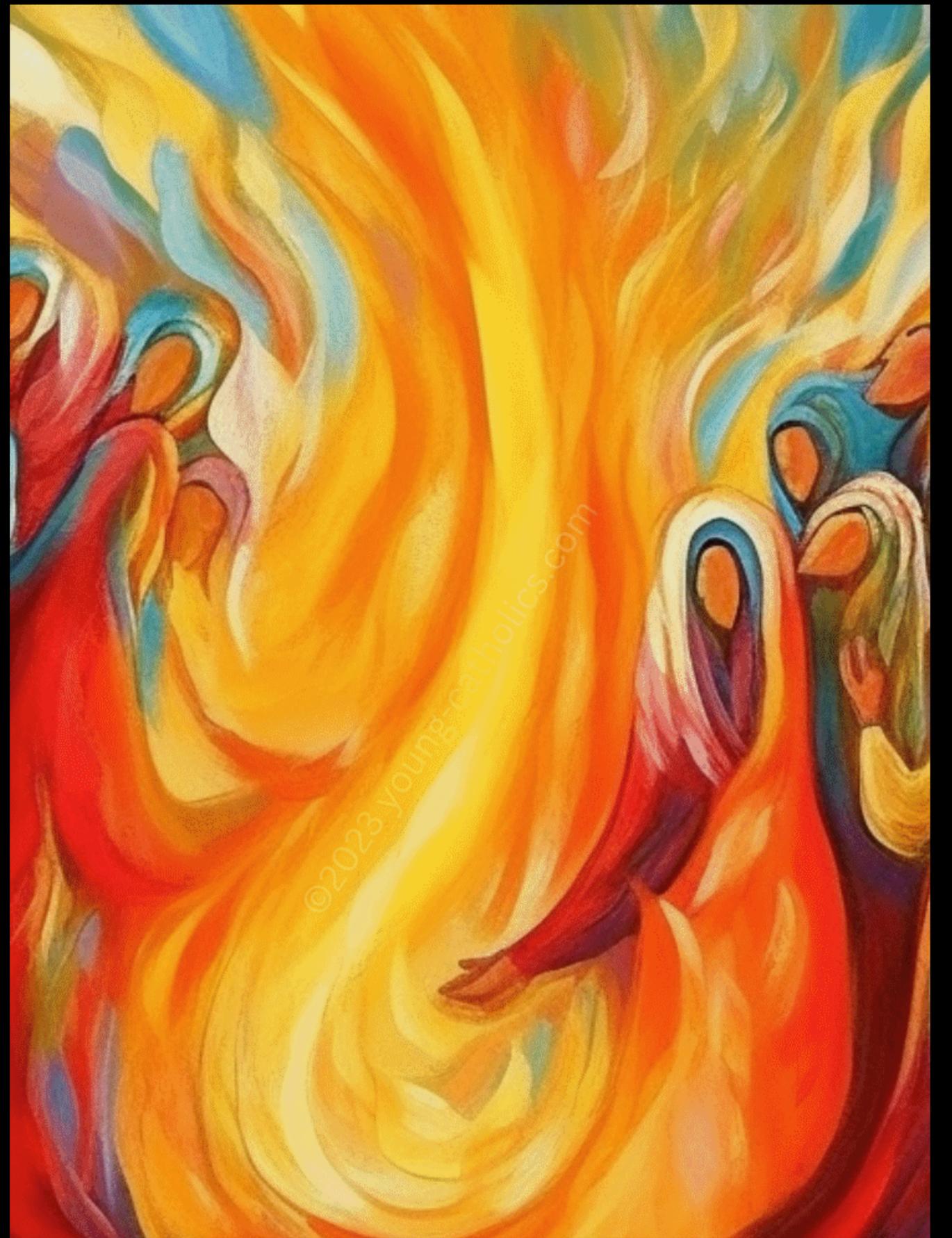
Acts 12:24 ¶ But the
word of God
continued to advance
and gain adherents.*



Acts 12:25 Then after
completing their mission
Barnabas and Saul returned
to^e Jerusalem and brought
with them John, whose other
name was Mark.



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