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**BIG**  
*QUESTIONS*





# **So what's with “Good” People Dying Young?**

What's with Death?

Acts 12

# **The Reality of Death and its lessons for us.**

# Acts 12:1-4

<sup>1</sup>It was about this time that King Herod arrested some who belonged to the church, intending to persecute them. <sup>2</sup>***He had James, the brother of John, put to death with the sword.*** <sup>3</sup>***When he saw that this met with approval among the Jews, he proceeded to seize Peter also.*** This happened during the Festival of Unleavened Bread. <sup>4</sup>After arresting him, he put him in prison, handing him over to be guarded by four squads of four soldiers each. Herod intended to bring him out for public trial after the Passover.

# Death in Perspective

## Luke 13:1-5

<sup>1</sup>At that time, some people came and reported to Him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mixed with their sacrifices. <sup>2</sup>And He [fn] responded to them, “Do you think that these Galileans were more sinful than all Galileans because they suffered these things?”

# Death in Perspective

## Luke 13:1-5

<sup>3</sup>No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as well! <sup>4</sup>Or those 18 that the tower in Siloam fell on and killed — do you think they were more sinful than all the people who live in Jerusalem? <sup>5</sup>No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as well! ”

# Acts 12:6-7

<sup>6</sup> On <sup>[fn]</sup> the very night when Herod was about to bring him forward, Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, bound with two chains, and guards in front of the door were watching over the prison. <sup>7</sup> And behold, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared and a light shone in the cell; and he struck Peter's side and woke him up, saying, "Get up quickly." And his chains fell off his hands.

# Acts 12:18-19

<sup>6 18</sup> Now when day came, there was no small disturbance among the soldiers *as to* <sup>[fn]</sup> what could have become of Peter. <sup>19</sup> When Herod had searched for him and had not found him, he examined the guards and ordered that they be led away *to execution.*



# Acts 12:21-23

<sup>21</sup> On an appointed day Herod, having put on his royal apparel, took his seat on the <sup>[fn]</sup>rostrum and *began* delivering an address to them. <sup>22</sup> The people kept crying out, “The voice of a god and not of a man!” <sup>23</sup> And immediately an angel of the Lord struck him because he did not give God the glory, and he was eaten by worms and <sup>[fn]</sup>died.

The first death you will  
not avoid.

The Second Death  
you can escape!

Something Better is  
on its *Way!*