

## THE DEATH OF HEROD AND THE FIRST MISSIONARY JOURNEY

(Acts 12:20-13:3)

### I. THE BIRTH OF THE CHURCH IN JERUSALEM (1-2)

### II. THE GROWTH OF THE CHURCH IN JERUSALEM (3-7)

### III. THE CHURCH'S WITNESS FOR CHRIST IN JUDEA, SAMARIA, AND SYRIA (8-12)

#### A. The Renewed Persecution of the Church (12:1-19)

#### B. The Death of Herod Agrippa I (12:20-23)

1. Tyre and Sidon did business with Herod and for whatever reason he was \_\_\_\_\_ with them; fearing the effects of his anger, they united in sending emissaries to him to \_\_\_\_\_. (v. 20)
  
2. These people had most likely already bribed Herod's assistant Blastus, and now on the appointed day (in AD 44) Herod came out dressed in costly robes, and they \_\_\_\_\_ to outlandish \_\_\_\_\_. (v. 21)
  
3. In a complete and utter display of Gentile \_\_\_\_\_, as Herod was speaking the people kept on shouting, "*The voice of a \_\_\_\_\_ and not of a man!*" (v. 22)
  
4. Because this arrogant man did \_\_\_\_\_ give God the glory, his \_\_\_\_\_ ended with the swift wrath of God. (v. 23)
  
5. How does pride show itself?
  - a. By taking the \_\_\_\_\_ which God deserves. (Acts 12:20-23; Isa. 42:8; 48:11)
  - b. By trusting in \_\_\_\_\_ while \_\_\_\_\_ others. (Luke 18:9-14)
  - c. By \_\_\_\_\_ in your own accomplishments. (James 4:13-17)
  - d. By living \_\_\_\_\_ from the Lord. (Psalm 10:1-6)
  - e. By \_\_\_\_\_, because it's your way or the highway. (Prov. 13:10)
  - f. By not being \_\_\_\_\_ to God's truth. (Prov. 15:31-32)
  - g. By failing to \_\_\_\_\_ when you are wrong. (Prov. 28:13)

### C. The Holy Spirit's Selection for the First Missionary Journey (12:24-13:3)

1. World leaders come and go, but the Church continued to \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ as usual. (v. 24)
2. Barnabas and Saul returned to Antioch after taking the famine relief (in AD 46) to the church in Jerusalem; on their \_\_\_\_\_ they brought \_\_\_\_\_ with them. (v. 25)
3. Luke's narrative describes God's plan for the first \_\_\_\_\_ journey, the first \_\_\_\_\_ trip, and the first \_\_\_\_\_ to send missionaries into the Gentile world.
4. The Greek construction of v. 1 seems to separate these five men listed into \_\_\_\_\_ groups, Barnabas, Simeon, and Lucius were \_\_\_\_\_, and Manaen and Saul were \_\_\_\_\_ or Scripture expositors. (v. 1)
5. Please note, these men were \_\_\_\_\_ for a ministry, but "*as they ministered*" the Holy Spirit spoke probably through one of the prophets. \_\_\_\_\_ the Spirit did it was less important to Luke than that He did it. (v. 2)
6. The church prayerfully \_\_\_\_\_ their calling, commissioned the men, and \_\_\_\_\_ forth; as it is the ministry of the Holy Spirit, working \_\_\_\_\_ the local church, to equip and enlist believers to go forth and serve. (v. 3)

\* What can you personally apply from this passage today?