

Read Acts 12:19b-25

19b Afterward Herod left Judea to stay in Caesarea for a while.

20 Now Herod was very angry with the people of Tyre and Sidon. So, they sent a delegation to make peace with him because their cities were dependent upon Herod's country for food. The delegates won the support of Blastus, Herod's personal assistant,

21 and an appointment with Herod was granted. When the day arrived, Herod put on his royal robes, sat on his throne, and made a speech to them.

22 The people gave him a great ovation, shouting, "It's the voice of a god, not of a man!"

23 Instantly, an angel of the Lord struck Herod with a sickness, because he accepted the people's worship instead of giving the glory to God. So, he was consumed with worms and died.

24 Meanwhile, the word of God continued to spread, and there were many new believers.

25 When Barnabas and Saul had finished their mission to Jerusalem, they returned, taking John Mark with them.

After he couldn't find Peter anywhere, what did Herod do (v. 19b)? He left his home in Judea (probably in Jerusalem) and went to the city of Caesarea – maybe for a vacation.

What did Herod think of the people of Tyre and Sidon (v. 20)? He was mad at them. **Why was he mad at them?** We don't know. The Bible doesn't tell us.

So, what did the people of Tyre and Sidon do? They sent some of their people to make peace with Herod.

Why were they trying to make peace with Herod? They needed to use Herod's land to grow their crops so they could have food.

After they made friends with Blastus, Herod's personal assistant, what happened (v. 21)? They got an appointment with Herod.

When the day of the appointment arrived what did Herod do? He put on his "king's clothes," sat on his throne, and gave a speech to the people of Tyre and Sidon.

What did the people shout out when they heard Herod speak (v. 22)? This is a god speaking to us! Not just a man.

Then what happened to Herod (v. 23)? The Lord made him get so sick that he died and worms ate his body.

Why did God have Herod killed? Because Herod took credit for being a god when he was just a man. He didn't give glory or praise to God. He thought that he deserved to be worshipped like God. Herod was very prideful. Pride is the #1 sin on God's hate list.

After Herod died, what happened (v. 24)? The Word of God spread all over the world and many people became Christians.

What did Saul and Barnabas do next (v. 25)? They went back to Antioch where Saul (Paul) would begin his first missionary journey.

Who did they take with them? John Mark. **Where will we see John Mark next?** John Mark was a helper on Paul's first missionary journey (Acts 13:5). However, he did not stay through the whole trip (Acts 15:38).