



Sunday June 6th – Angels Among Us

Opening Prayer: *Lord, teach us to be a people of prayer. While our world is spinning out of control, remind us that You are sovereign – in complete control – and that we have nothing to fear – for you are God Almighty.*

Read: Acts 12:1-24

From the time of Jesus' ministry there was conspiracy against the Truth. Mark 15:12-15 – Pilate surrenders his authority to the will of the crowd – (incited by the Jewish leaders - Matthew 27:20). When, in the Jewish calendar, did this take place?

What do we see in In Acts 4:27? Who is conspiring here?

Now in Acts 12:1-3 - when in the Jewish calendar did this take place?

Why was James killed? What did Herod intend for Peter?

How was Peter delivered? Acts 12:6-10

Where before have we seen Angels minister in times of need?

Daniel 3:21-27; Genesis 19:15-17; 1 Kings 19:7; Exodus 14:19; Isaiah 37:36

Read Psalm 34:7

While the world conspires against the church – what is the church doing?

Fighting Back? Protesting? Praying? –

What is our 'first response' when we feel the world closing in on our faith?

What does Acts 12 teach us about prayer? God's eternal purposes? God's sovereign power?

Acts 12:12-17 – Are we 'astonished' when prayers are answered? Why?

Perhaps the answer is found in Matthew 8:23-26 and Matthew 14:25-32

What happens when the world does not get its way? Acts 12:18-19a.

What happens when someone attempts to take God's glory? Acts 12:19b-23

Read Isaiah 42:8

Once again, when the church is persecuted, what is God's response? Acts 12:24

Confirm your complete trust in the Lord as you persist in His Word:

Matthew 16:18; Isaiah 55:8-11; Jeremiah 1:12; Acts 1:8

Take time to check in with each other and – pray for one another.