

MY ENEMIES HAVE PREPARED A NET FOR MY STEPS



Claire Ashley and Taryn O'Connell
celebrating the last day of school in the snow
May 21, 2021
Bozeman Christian School

The blind man's parents responded to the Pharisees, " 'Ask him; he is of age, he shall speak for himself.' His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews."

John 9:21.22a

"Getting the Lord's work done in 2021!!"

June 13, 2021

Christ's Church

Meeting at

30 Red Fox Lane — Bozeman

2902 17th St. S. — Great Falls

400 W. Park St. — Butte

BOZEMAN - 8:45 - Josiah Sutton

9:00 am - classes

10:00 am - Assembly

St'dship - Charlie Jacobs

L.S. - Jason Shanahan

Preaching - Binoy Thomas

L.D. EVENING 7:00 PM -

L.S. - Andrew Wallace

GREAT FALLS - 2:45 - Stan Zech

3:00 pm - classes

4:00 pm - Assembly

St'dship - Nick Liston

L.S. - Zac Zech

Preaching - Jay Wilson

BUTTE - 7:30 pm - Classes

8:15 pm - Assembly

L.S. - George Stone

Preaching - Jay Wilson

Bozeman -

Prayer & Fasting, June 26,27. Fellowship dinner following assembly June 27

Butte -

Fellowship dinner before assembly June 20



BOZEMAN -

Wed. night, 7:00 pm:

Phil Sutton on 1 Peter

CONGRATULATIONS TO *Andrew Wallace* and *Keirsten Donaldson*, who were united in marriage on Sat., June 12, under the tree outside the church building. May they be victorious in following Christ where ever He leads!!

GREAT FALLS -

Wed. night, 7:00 pm:

Unlocking the Mystery of Life (intelligent design video)

Great Falls -

Prayer & fasting - June 20

VBS - June 28-July 1, ages 3-11

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

MT Youth Camp - June 13-18

Men's PEAKS - July 22-24, 2021, Theme: "The kingdom's sure increase"

2021 Family Camp - Sept. 3-6, Theme: "Powerful Pictures from the Prophets"



Question of the week:

When the apostles were arrested for preaching the resurrection of Jesus as recorded in Acts 5, in what kind of jail were they incarcerated?

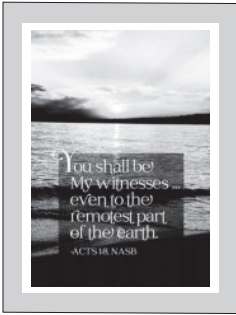
Last week's question: When one of the descendants of Goliath tried to kill David in battle (and the men said that David was too old to go to battle any more), Abishai the son of Zeruiah struck the Philistine down. Who was Zeruiah? *Answer: She was David's sister (apparently an older sister, because Joab and Abishai are not too much younger than David) (1 Chronicles 2;16).*

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:

Bible School – 100
Morning Assembly – 125
Evening Assembly – 87

Wednesday Night (6/13) – 80
Butte Lord's Day – 19
GF Lord's Day – 59,73, Wed. - 50

Acts Alive ...



A Roadblock Is Destroyed By Worms

The politicians—be they elected or appointed governors, officials, or kings—almost always play to the audience. They know who the power brokers are, and what they have to do to impress them. A successful politician also knows whom he may vilify with impunity in order to play sections of the mob against itself, and thus insure the continuation of the power flow to the top. The “Herod’s,” going back to the ancestors even of Herod the Great, were skilled politicians and power-brokers. Herod Agrippa I, the Herod of Acts chapter twelve, was the grandson of Herod the Great through Herod’s son Aristobulus, and likewise was a skilled politician who was able to keep his position secure through his contact with the

emperor in Rome. He mentally checked on the attitude of the people, and decided that he could make an overt move in arresting Peter and James without disturbing the mood of the populace.

“Now about that time Herod the king laid hands on some who belonged to the church, in order to mistreat them. And he had James the brother of John put to death with a sword. And when he saw that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded to arrest Peter also” (Acts 12:1-3). There were enough Jews in the crowd hostile to Christianity that it was politically beneficial to Herod to brutally murder the first apostle to be executed. Furthermore, with the Passover coming on and with the people’s being hardened against the gospel of Christ, it looked like a good time to publicly execute Peter also.

But the Lord had something else in mind for Peter (apparently it was the Lord’s will for James to die at that time, but not Peter). Peter, in prison, was chained to a guard on each side, with four squads of soldiers on round-the-clock vigilance (they remembered how the apostles had somehow gotten out of prison earlier as recorded in Acts chapter five). As the church was *fervently praying* to God, the Lord sent an angel to deliver Peter. Chains dropped off, gates silently opened, and Peter found himself a free man in the streets of old Jerusalem. He went to the house of John Mark’s mother, informed those who were praying there of his release, and then disappeared.

Prison security was thus extremely tight, and orders were pretty clear that this one prisoner must not be allowed to escape. But somehow (from their perspective) Peter got away, presumably with help from the guards. Thus the next day the soldiers who were guarding Peter were executed because they had allowed their prisoner to escape. Such was the penalty in those days.

Herod’s next noteworthy political move was to appear publicly at a summit meeting where terms of peace were achieved with Tyre and Sidon. Having seen the pomp and ceremony connected with the Emperor in Rome, Herod wanted a little of the same type of earthly glory for himself on a smaller scale. The crowd’s having been instructed, the stage was set for Herod’s grand appearance. “And on an appointed day Herod, having put on his royal apparel, took his seat on the rostrum and began delivering an address to them. And the people kept crying out, The voice of a god and not a man!” And immediately an angel of the Lord struck him because he did not give God the glory, and he was eaten by worms and died” (Acts 12:21-23).

This event is recorded in the annals of Roman history, and happened in 44 AD. One of the important things it does is that it gives a basis for determining the times of other events recorded in the book of Acts. Thus we can get an idea on the time of the conversion of the first Gentiles, the time frame for Paul’s missionary journeys, and the approximate dates of Paul’s epistles.

The roadblock set in motion and by Herod was removed. Note, then, what important thing happened! “But the word of the Lord continued to grow and to be multiplied” (Acts 12:24).

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