

PETER IS SPARED TO CARRY ON HIS WORK

Herod's Persecution of Christians Recounted in Sunday School Lesson—How James Was Slain

The International Uniform Sunday School Lesson for June 21: Peter Delivered from Prison.—Acts 12:5-17. (Editor of The Congregationalist)



THE ambition of Pilate, which led him to condemn Jesus to death, not because he believed Jesus guilty, but to curry favor with the Jews, was an example that was soon followed by another ruler, who was also anxious to retain power by making friends.

King Herod Agrippa I was the man. He had won imperial favor, and his territories were extending even beyond those of his grandfather, Herod the Great, the king who was ruling when Jesus was born.

Herod Agrippa began persecuting the Christians, and soon as he saw that it pleased the Jews he continued his persecution. What have rulers cared for right and justice so long as they could strengthen their own position?

James Slain First The first of the Christians to suffer, or at least the most eminent, was James, the brother of John. He was put to death with the sword.

The fate of these two brothers, James and John, the men of intensity whom Jesus named "Boanerges," or "Sons of Thunder," is interesting in the contemplation of the part that Providence, or destiny, plays in human affairs and in the progress of the truth.

Some men fulfill their mission through immediate loss and sacrifice, while others are called to life-long service. Can anybody doubt that John or Peter would have been as ready to die as James? Yet Peter was spared for years of work in behalf of the new religion, and John, according to tradition, lived on to a great old age, suffering under persecution, but dying a natural death.

Modern critical opinion, it should be said, finds considerable evidence that John suffered early martyrdom like his brother James. Our lesson deals with the miraculous delivery of Peter from prison when, apparently, Herod had marked him for the same fate as James.

The disciples were in prayer for their imprisoned leader when word came that he was at the door. Then Peter told to the amazed disciples the story of his escape, how an angel had come and freed him from his guards, leading him forth.

What Paul Did The narrative is not without its problems. Paul, in a somewhat similar situation, later on, declined to answer, crying to his jailer, who was about to kill himself, "Do thyself no harm for we are all here."

TEXT: Acts 12:5-17

Peter therefore was kept in prison; but prayer was made without ceasing of the church unto God for him.

And when Herod would have brought him forth, the same night Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, bound with two chains; and the keepers before the door of the prison.

And, behold, the angel of the Lord came upon him, and a light shined in the prison; and he smote Peter on the side, and raised him up, saying, Arise up quickly. And his chains fell off from his hands.

And the angel said unto him, Cast thy sarment about thee, and follow me. And he went out, and followed him; and wist not that it was true which was done by the angel; but thought he saw a vision.

When they were past the first and second ward, they came unto the iron gate that leadeth unto the city, which opened to them of his own accord; and they went out, and passed on through one street; and forthwith the angel departed from him.

And when Peter was come to himself, he said, Now I know of a surety that the Lord hath sent his angel, and hath delivered me out of the hand of Herod, and from all the expectation of the people of the Jews.

And when he had considered the thing, he came to the house of Mary the mother of John, whose surname was Mark; where many were gathered together praying.

And as Peter knocked at the door of the gate, a damsel came to hearken, named Rhoda. And when she knew Peter's voice, she opened the gate for gladness, but ran in, and told how Peter stood before the gate.

And they said unto her, Thou art mad. But she constantly affirmed that it was even so. Then said they, It is his angel.

But Peter continued knocking; and when they had opened the door, and saw him, they were astonished.

But he, beckoning unto them with the hand to hold their peace, declared unto them how the Lord had brought him out of the prison. And he said, Go show these things unto James, and to the brethren. And he departed and went into another place.

side the range of prayer as conceived by Jesus. The promises concerning prayer are only to those who ask in His name—that is in His spirit.

But through prayer great deliverances and great revelations come. Iron gates that blocked the way open as we come to them in faith and confidence in God's leading. How or why we know not.

God's ways, whether in natural process or in miracle are beyond our comprehension. But we do know that doors open to those who would go forward in the divine way.

And just as surely as doors close to those who ignore the divine plan.

How few men of personal and selfish ambition, even when they have attained to immense apparent success, have had real success, the consciousness of life well lived and of work well done.

This very Herod who could send men to death simply to curry favor with those whose support he wanted, died a terrible death, hated by every people whom he had sought to please.

at 11 o'clock with the pastor bringing the message, choosing for his theme "The King of Manhood." The quartet choir will lead the congregational singing; special musical numbers will be "If Singeth Low" (Scott) by the quartet, and "Calm as the Night" (Götze) by Mrs. Pearson and Mr. Cleaver. Evening service at 8 o'clock with the pastor speaking on the theme "The Transformation of Life." The quartet will sing "Shadows of the Evening Hour" (Schultz) as part of the forty-five minute service. University Christian Endeavor will be discontinued during the summer vacation, but Westminster League will meet at 7 o'clock as usual. Prayer meeting Thursday evening at 8 o'clock, the pastor being the topic. "The Transfiguration, a Preparation for the Cross," Luke 9:28-36. A cordial invitation is extended for all of these services.

Church of God Third and Monroe, Mamie Bischoff, pastor. Bible school at 10 a. m. E. A. Fogles, superintendent. A. C. Head, assistant superintendent. Classes for all ages. Preaching service at 11 a. m. Subject, "The New Commandment." The choir will sing "His Love Lifted Me." Young People's meeting 7:15 p. m. Mary, president. Preaching service at 8 p. m. At this service the pastor will speak on "How to Become an Established Christian." Everyone welcome to these services.

First Church of Christ, Scientist Corner of Twelfth and Oak streets. Sunday morning service at 11 o'clock; Wednesday evening testimonial meeting at 8 o'clock; Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. The reading room at room 312 McMorran and Washburn building, corner of Eighth and Willamette streets, is open daily except Sundays and legal holidays, at all hours. The librarian is in attendance from 12 until 4:00. The subject of the lesson sermon for Sunday is "Is the Universe Including Man Evolved by Atomic Force?" All are cordially invited to attend the church services and visit the reading room.

First Unitarian East Eleventh avenue at Ferry street. Morning service at 10:15 o'clock with sermon by the pastor on "The Scientist and His Universe." The subject at this service will be Mrs. Rose Stacks.

Emmaus Lutheran On Second avenue west near Blair boulevard, Henry Iverson, pastor. Sunday school at 9:45 a. m. Miss Camilla Anderson, superintendent. Preaching service in the Danish language at 8 p. m. There will be no services in the morning, except Sunday school, as there will be union services at Bethesda Lutheran church at 11 a. m. The Ladies Aid society will meet Thursday afternoon at the home of Rev. and Mrs. Iverson. Prayer-meeting Thursday evening at eight o'clock.

First Baptist Corner of Eighth and Pearl streets, Charles E. Dunham, pastor. Arsh Hoyt Hae, music director. Bible school meets at 9:45, W. R. Loyd, superintendent. A children's day program will be presented by the boys and girls of the church school. The subject being "The Book of Jonah." Morning worship at 11 o'clock, Rev. C. R. Marsh of Seaside, Ind., will preach. His subject being "Paul's Vision." The quartet will sing "The Path of Life" (Stevens). The young people's society will meet at 8 o'clock. Evening service at 8 o'clock. The pastor will preach on "The Coming of Christ." The choir will sing the anthem "Praise as a Lamb" (Lorenz). The Women's union will meet on Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Dinner at 6:15. Prayer and conference meeting on Thursday night at 7:30.

Fall Gospel On Jefferson street, between First and Clark avenues, Rev. B. A. Finch, pastor. Bible school Sunday at 9:45 and morning worship at 11. The theme of the pastor's sermon will be "The Way to Victory." Sunday evening service will be suspended out of courtesy to the Bible Standard Mission tent meeting. Prayer and vary meeting on Tuesday and divine healing service on Thursday at 8 p. m. Prayer for the sick at any service on request. We preach and teach in the home of the pastor's home at 11 o'clock. Dinner will be served to all immediately after the morning church service. Reports from all departments showing the work of the past year will be given. An interesting afternoon program, with an address by Prof. Childers, at 2 p. m. C. E. meets as usual at 7:00. The church hour, beginning at 8:00, will be interesting, featuring special lantern slides being shown. Sermon on "The Christian's Guarantee." All friends come.

First Methodist Episcopal J. Franklin Hass, minister, Church school 9:45. If you are not attending elsewhere, we welcome you. Morning sermon by the pastor at 11:00. Theme "An Urgent Problem." Young people will meet at 7. The high school league and Y club will have their service together in the University department. Evening service of sermons because of 8:00. "Lumber Camp Congress" will be the pastor's theme. Congregational singing. Special music. Prayer-meeting on Thursday evening at 7:30. Church get-together and pot-luck supper at six. Come with the family, and stay for the praise and prayer service.

Central Presbyterian Corner 10th and Pearl. Rev. A. H. Saunders, minister. Mrs. T. A. Pearson, choir director. Mrs. Ruth Davis Cleaver, organist. Sunday school at 9:45. H. A. Soule, general superintendent. Each department and all classes of our school will be kept up as usual during the summer vacation. Join us for an hour of song and Bible study. Morning worship

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DR. GUTHRIE DEFENDS HIS COURSE

"I Know What I am Doing When I Bring Dances Into Church," He Declares



"I always hold my head high," said Dr. William Norman Guthrie, as he posed for his portrait.

BY GEORGE BRITT (NEA Service Writer) NEW YORK, June 20.—The flesh having been classified for ages with the world and the devil as an obstacle to salvation, it is something of a novelty to hear it discussed reverently as an instrument of religion.

This is the spirit in which it is regarded by the Rev. William Norman Guthrie, rector of the Episcopal Church of St. Mark's-in-the-Boulevard. You've heard about Dr. Guthrie and his defying Bishop Manning by singing symbolic dances in his services with American Indians and harlequin girls wearing Grecian robes, and of what a radical he was. But he will tell you that he is fundamentally a conservative.

"The strangling of all emotional display has become a steadfast article in the Anglo-Saxon faith," Dr. Guthrie says. "No Outlet for Religious Impulses For at least three centuries we have been taught to restrain all expression of our feelings. The average man permits no emotional interest in religion to take hold of him. He has no outlet for the spontaneous religious impulses of his nature. Religion to him is a theology plus a collection plate. Sometimes plus a social service agency. He buries his thoughts in business and has neither time nor desire to reason out the beliefs which he has been taught were part of the church. Consequently, Americans have become at heart the most irreligious of all people."

"My object here is to rediscover methods of religious expression which will be usable for Americans. I am not trying to lure away the congregations who are interested and satisfied in their own churches, but to reach those who have given up their former church allegiance. "The function of religion is to fuse human bodies and spirits. Under the commonly accepted method of regarding the two, they are at war. Often the body dominates and virtually destroys the body, and the person becomes an ascetic. "Unless religion can make this fusion of body and spirit, unless we can see clearness and naturalness in the body and at the same time being in under spiritual control, the result will be extinction."

"I know what I am doing when I bring those dances into the church and choose the background on the question of the beauty and sacredness of the body. "Dances to Reach Buried Feelings The dances which have been presented at the old church of St. Mark's have been in the forms of the Greek and symbolic dances pictured on urns and friezes. The "libretto" for them, however, has been taken from the religious dances of American Indians which still practice their tribal rites. Where the old ritual and the symbols of their congregations, though symbolic and emotionally appealing spectacles have proved effective. Dr. Guthrie explains it by saying it takes hold of ancient and perhaps primitive channels of religious feeling which have been buried by civilization. "I try in these services to answer one question," says the rector. "It is: how can we get the best and finest Christian tradition to express itself congenially and graciously and creatively? I want to make religion appeal to us contagiously. "Every church is not ready for the innovations which he has introduced at St. Mark's, Dr. Guthrie admits. He thinks, however, that a great many could profit by the results of his church and for its congregation, it works. "In 15 years he says with pride, and in spite of frequent aggressive hostility, not a single one of the symbolic services has gone "flat." And hundreds of men and women have been reached by the symbolism."

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LONDON, June 20.—Charles Jaschke, royal barber, who was responsible for the shape of King Edward's beard which became the envy of the courts of Europe, died recently in his 90th year. He came to London 40 years ago from Czechoslovakia, with \$10 in his pocket, but by industry, and a personality which was said by customers to fit a hairdresser perfectly, he eventually gained the respect of monarchs, poets, admirals, generals and numerous others of note who frequented his Regent Street shop and always called him Charles. In 1888 Jaschke was invited to trim the King's beard and on Sundays he went to Sandringham and to Balmoral every ten days or so when the court was there. Charles attended King Edward until the day of his death. "What I like about you, Charles," the king is quoted as having said once to the barber, "is that you do not talk a bit. You're seen, but not heard. It's a pleasure to see you around." Jaschke accompanied the present king, then the Prince of Wales, on his empire tour of 1901 and afterward on the voyage to India for the Durbar in 1911. The King of Spain, the Prince of Wales, the Duke of York and Captain Ramsay, husband of Princess Patricia, were among his customers up until a few weeks before his death. Such was the clientele of Jaschke's shop that the back part of his saloon became known as the "House of Lords."

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St. Mary's Episcopal Corner of Seventh avenue and Olive street, Rev. Frederick G. Jennings, pastor. The second Sunday after Trinity. Holy Communion at 8 a. m. Holy Communion and Sermon at 11 a. m. Church school and evening services are discontinued until the fall.

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