

# Death Happens – God Is!

Acts 12:1-4a

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Death happens to God's people sometimes for...

- 1) C\_\_\_\_\_ (Heb.12:5-14; Gal.6:7-8)
- 2) T\_\_\_\_\_ (Deu.8:2; Pro.6:; Exo.)
- 3) P\_\_\_\_\_ (to teach to trust more Jam.1:2-5)
- 4) Providentially, as we are living in a country that is under God's j\_\_\_\_\_. (Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Act.11:28)
- 5) To give opportunity for the saints to show their l\_\_\_\_\_ one to another. (1Ti.5:8; Eph.4:28; 1Jo.3:16-18)

## ***I. From Herod's Perspective – James' Death, a Trophy***

We are moved by what we see and h\_\_\_\_\_ we see it. (Act.12:3; Heb.11:9-10,27)

The love of men's applause is a t\_\_\_\_\_. Herod saw the Jews and was moved by what pleased them. (Act.12:3)

Herod did not see the One he s\_\_\_\_\_ seek to please, the God he would soon meet and by Whom he would be judged. (Heb.4:13)

God a\_\_\_\_\_ must have our conscience. We must not violate God's Word or compromise our conscience to please anyone. (Rom.14:23)

Herod and the Jews were wrong. James' death wasn't a Trophy to them but a great sin that added to their future t\_\_\_\_\_. (Luk.16:23-25; Mat.23:14)

## ***II. From the Church's Perspective – James' Death, a Tragedy***

They had lost one they loved and that brings s\_\_\_\_\_. (Act.8:2; 1Th.4:13)

This world has and will k\_\_\_\_\_ some of God's choicest servants. It only seems they get by with it. (Heb.11:35-12:2; Act.12:1-2; Joh.15:18-21)

It was a tragedy to them because their p\_\_\_\_\_ was taken from them. (Act.12:1-3; Heb.13:17; 1Th.5:

God usually takes m\_\_\_\_\_ years to prepare and mold a man to serve His people. (Eph.4:11-12; all through the Bible)

## ***III. From God's Perspective – James' Death, a Treasure***

**Psalm 116: 15** Precious in the sight of the LORD *is* the death of h\_\_\_\_\_ saints.

God doesn't need us. For the saved death is God bringing His child h\_\_\_\_\_ to Him. (Joh.14:1-3)

## ***IV. From James' Perspective – James' Death, a Triumph***

It was a triumph for James because it was a proof that he loved the Lord Jesus m\_\_\_\_\_ than his physical life. (Rev.12:11; Mat.20:22; Luk.14:26-27)

It was a triumph for James because he was now in a far b\_\_\_\_\_ place – with Christ. (Phi.1:21,23; 2Co.5:8)

How will your death be viewed by the lost? The saints? God? You?