

# Mountain Moving

Acts 11:27-12:19

## Introduction:

### 11:27-30 *Six Significant observations of our forbearers.*

- v 27. 1. Jerusalem is one with Antioch. Jew and Gentile.  
2. “Prophets” Old Testament revelation is carried over to New  
“the word of God continues” in the church.  
3. the older brethren feel a responsibility for the younger
- v 28-29. A very important tradition begins.  
4. True ecumenicism: Churches have a catholic bond of unity  
and help each other.  
↓”elect from every nation, Yet one o’er all the earth”↓  
5. The Gentiles sense a responsibility to the Jew  
Why? Rom. 11:17; 15:27
- v 30. “elders” Acts 14:23  
6. The local governing of the body has begun.  
The tradition of elders began in the Jewish synagogue  
Again the Old Testament has carried over to the church.

### 12:1-2 *The first apostolic death*

- v 3. Because James death was politically expedient  
Peter is scheduled to die  
\*Just like Jesus
- v 4. Herod secures the tomb  
\*Just like the Hebrew brothers
- v 5. What is the church thinking? A genocide!  
\*Just like Esther and Mordecai  
And so fervent prayer begins for this mountain to be cast into  
the sea.
- v 6. Peter sleeps  
\*Just like Jesus in the storm (“Is this the day?”)

- v 7. God intervenes!  
\* Just like Daniel in the lions’ den  
The guards are comatose  
\* Just like David in the camp of Saul
- v 8. Peter will not run but walk out unopposed  
\* Just like Israel in Egypt
- v 9. Like one in a dream  
\* Just like Israel in their return from Babylon (Ps. 126:1)  
Indeed God has “put all things in subjection under Christ’s feet  
and given Him as head over all things unto the church.”
- v 10. The guards are struck “blind”  
\* Just as the Syrians who surrounded Elisha  
The gates open as “the gates of hell will not prevail”
- v 11. There was no hope by human means
- v 12-13. Here is classic Hebrew humor  
Compare “gates and guards”  
The Prison and the prayer meeting
- v 15-16. There is unbelief and amazement because their faith is not seen  
as great faith but “mustard seed” like whereby a great mountain  
was cast into the sea.
- v 17. “look what God did!”
- v 18. Why? There was no normal reasonable conclusion as to what  
happened to Peter.  
\* Just like the resurrection power of Christ
- v 19. \* Just like the soldiers over the three Hebrew brothers

## Conclusion: