

## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- 6 James Justus Kilby  
7 Raiven Alvey  
10 Jocelyn Alvey  
17 Markus Ward/Sovine  
23 Kavan Carr

HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY

## OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

10 Dominic and Heather Benetti



### VERDE VALLEY CHURCH OF CHRIST

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SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY: 17

SUNDAY AM: 53 SUNDAY PM: 12

WEDNESDAY: 13

OFFERING: \$2,079

October 19, 2025

Welcome to the  
Verde Valley Church of Christ



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### Sermon

*Preaching Through Acts – The Template of the Lord's Church  
Part 18*

### Gathering Times

Sunday Bible class 9:30 AM Sunday morning worship 10:30 AM

Sunday evening worship 6:00 PM

Wednesday Bible study 7:00 PM

# SERMON SCRIPTURE REFERENCES

## *Preaching Through Acts – The Temple of the Lord’s Church – Part 18*

Overview facts: written 63-80 A.D. by Luke, the Gentile physician and traveling companion of Paul.

- In 34 A.D., a Gentile named Cornelius, along with his gathered friends and family, have become the first Gentiles baptized for the forgiveness of their sins and allowed God to add them to the Church. The Jewish Christians took offense at this, but Peter shared his testimony that God allowed them in. Gentiles begin to be preached to in the region of Antioch. Paul and Barnabas teach there for an entire year, getting us to 35 A.D. Agabus then foretells the famine that will sweep Egypt and the Levant from 44-48 A.D., so people begin saving donations for the Church who will be most affected in/around Israel. Paul and Barnabas bring these down from other areas to Jerusalem about 41 A.D. (which is the time we are "around" in Acts 12:1).

Chapter 12 Verses 1-3

(Introduced to King Herod Agrippa I, who was made king of Galilee and Perea in 39 A.D. (along with overseeing other territories) by Caligula Caesar, and would become king over all Israel from 41-44 A.D. Herod Agrippa spent most of his youth in Rome, so when he came back to Israel in late 38 to early 39 A.D., he was eager to make a good impression with the Jews he was overseeing, and establish goodwill with them since he was perceived as a Roman sympathizer. Thus began his persecution of the Christian Church and his execution of James, brother of John, who became the first apostle to be martyred in the first year of his reign, 39 A.D., along with imprisoning Peter.)

Verses 4-11

Luke 11:5-8 & James 5:16 & Matt. 26:39 (We see the fervent prayer of the righteous rewarded here, along with the faith of those who continually trust that God will hear their prayers be rewarded as well. God is not responding because they have "annoyed" Him into doing so, but because they have proven their faith by their continuous prayer to the God Who they know can save Peter. We will note in verse 4 that the King James Version and William Tyndale Bibles translate Passover as the word "Easter." This is the only place in the Bible where this happens, and there is absolutely no reason for it. It is the same Greek word, pascha, which is translated "Passover" everywhere else in the New Testament. Here, it was rendered "Easter" as the Catholics had been celebrating this since the 200's A.D., renaming Passover for the Anglo-Saxon goddess of spring Eostre who had a spring month named after her: Eosturmōnath (April), and this became the English name for the Paschal season: Easter.)

Verses 12-17

Num. 20:1-12 & Lev. 10:1-3 & 2 Chron. 26:16-21 (We always must remember the most important things and not allow our emotions of any kind to distract us from serving God correctly. Rhoda is overjoyed that Peter is here, but leaves him outside knocking and does not do the one thing she needs to do. The traditional site of Mary's house, and the prison where Peter escaped from, put them down the street and within eyesight of one another, which is why Peter directs everyone to lower their voices when he is brought inside. He easily could have been re-captured in this moment, all because emotions caused someone to not do what they needed to do.)

# ANNOUNCEMENTS



SERVICES ARE STREAMED ON FACEBOOK LIVE

- > **Classes and sermons are available on YouTube.**
- > **There is a children’s Bible study during the sermon.**
- > **Thanksgiving themed potluck Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup>; turkey will be provided. Please plan to attend and bring your favorite Thanksgiving sides and desserts!!**
- > **Prayer requests:**
  - > **Jim Vogel will have extensive hand/wrist surgery October 20<sup>th</sup>**
  - > **Adrion Osborne will begin injections for his macular degeneration on October 22<sup>nd</sup>**
- > **The next “fifth Wednesday” is October 29<sup>th</sup> – any men interested in reading a scripture, leading a prayer or a song, or giving a short (10 min. or less) devotional (content approved by the Elders or Dominic), please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board.**

## Sermon Scripture References - cont’d:

Verses 18-19

Matt. 27:62-28:4, 11-15 (We see here that Roman guards who failed in their duty were executed. This proves that the Jewish stories of the disciples stealing the body of Jesus are false, because these same Jews fought to keep those guards alive. If they had actually failed in this way, they would have been executed, like the guards in this account were, and the Jews would have been the loudest ones crying for their execution for allowing Jesus’s body to be stolen.)

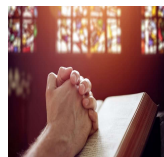
Verses 20-23

(This part of the account shows the ultimate end of Herod Agrippa, which will come in 44 A.D. and was verified in the works of Josephus (an independent Jewish historian) to have happened just as the New Testament described Herod Agrippa dying after accepting the praise of being called "God.")

Verses 24-25

Exo. 1:8-12 (The more the Church was getting persecuted by Herod and others, the more it continued to expand and grow, which always happens with God's people.)

## PRAY FOR



**Greg & Wanda Mattson’s daughter, Jaime**  
**Gary Bates**  
**Adrion Osborne**  
**Kathie & Eddie Rose**  
**Wally Dickinson**