



THE CHURCH IS

Born

ACTS: 1-12

Main Point

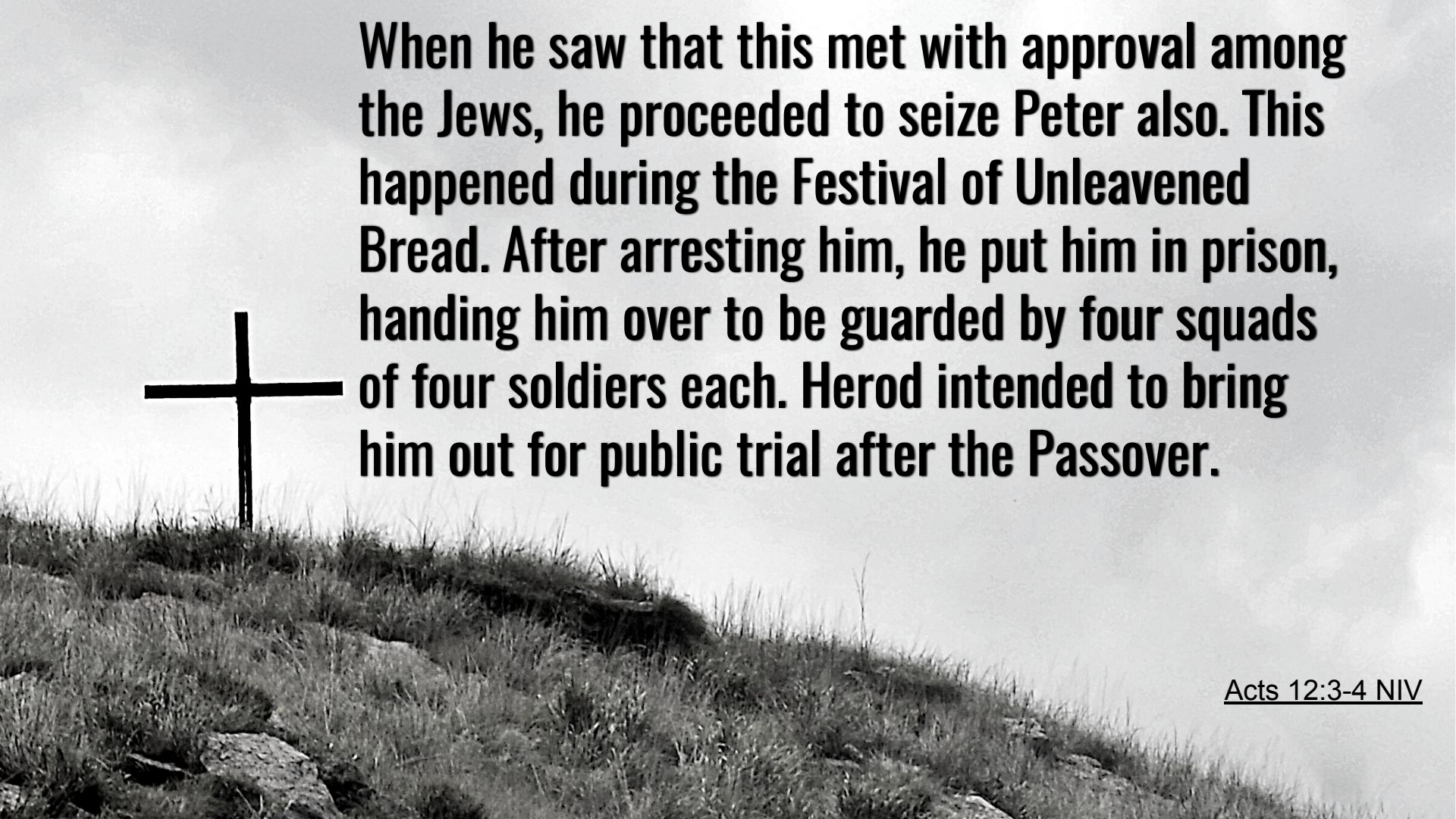
Power is powerless unless it comes from God



**It was about this time that King Herod
arrested some who belonged to the church,
intending to persecute them. He had James,
the brother of John, put to death with the
sword**



Acts 12:1-2 NIV



When he saw that this met with approval among the Jews, he proceeded to seize Peter also. This happened during the Festival of Unleavened Bread. After arresting him, he put him in prison, handing him over to be guarded by four squads of four soldiers each. Herod intended to bring him out for public trial after the Passover.

Acts 12:3-4 NIV

False Power

- Herod comes from a political family
- Sees the early church as a threat
- Has James killed
- Arrests, Peter, the bigger fish



False Power

- Power has a lot to do with control
- The less control we give, the more the power diminishes
- Remember who has real power



So Peter was kept in prison, but the church
was **earnestly praying** to God for him.



Acts 12:5 NIV

God's Power


- Trust in God's power
- Ask God to use His power
- Believe God will and is using His power



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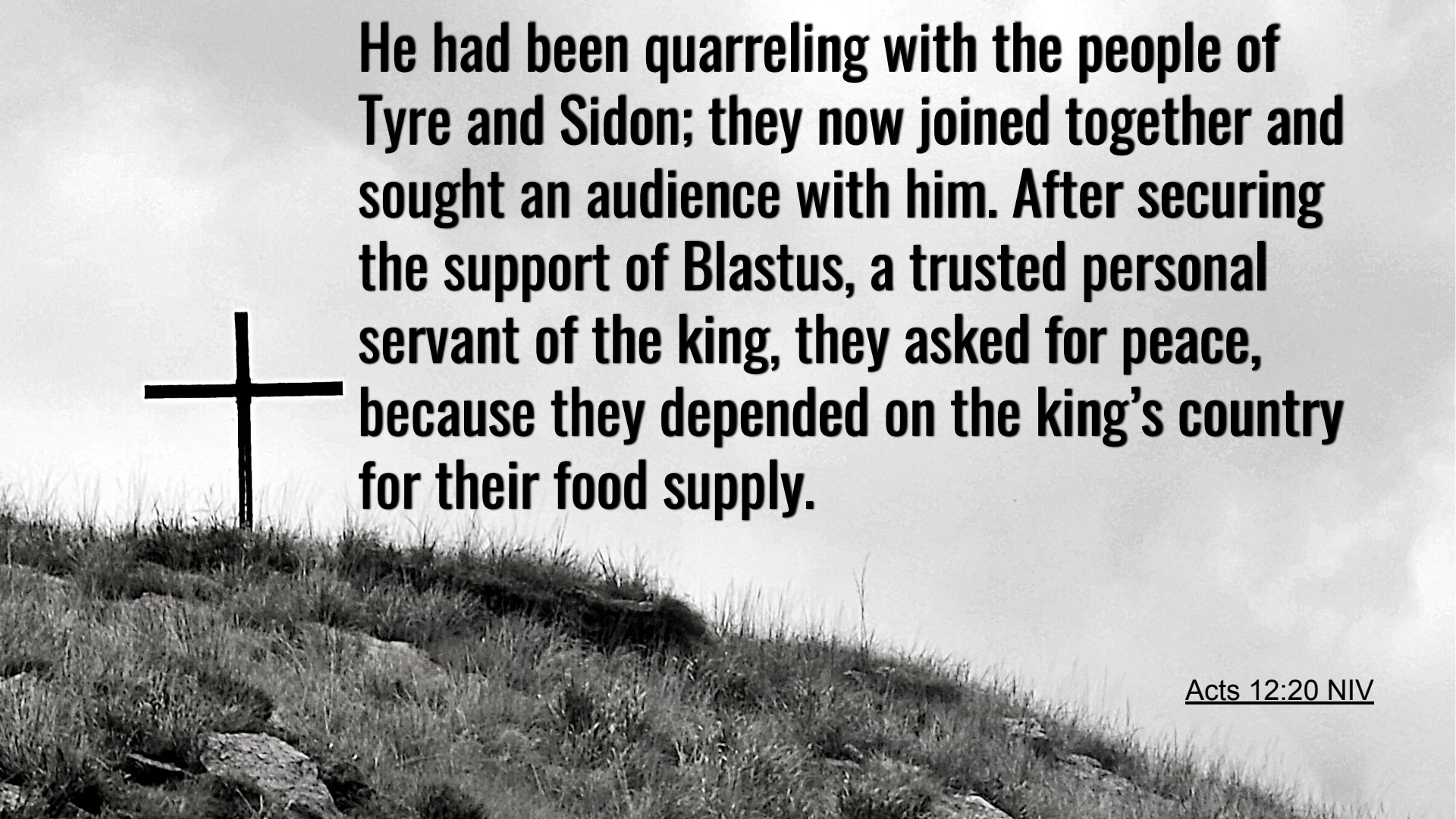


Acts 12:18-19 NIV



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Acts 12:18-19 NIV



He had been quarreling with the people of Tyre and Sidon; they now joined together and sought an audience with him. After securing the support of Blastus, a trusted personal servant of the king, they asked for peace, because they depended on the king's country for their food supply.

Acts 12:20 NIV

On the appointed day Herod, wearing his royal robes, sat on his throne and delivered a public address to the people. They shouted, "This is the voice of a god, not of a man."



Acts 12: 21-22 NIV

Immediately, because Herod did not give praise to God, an angel of the Lord struck him down, and he was eaten by worms and died. But the word of God continued to spread and flourish.



Acts 12: 23-24 NIV

The Faceoff

- A feast or celebration is planned
- Herod gives a passionate speech
- People refer to Herod as a god
- He doesn't deny it and is struck dead



GEOFF'S THANKSGIVING TURKEY

Big Ole Bird Chicken Stock

Grilled Gobbler Rub Carrots

Bacon Celery

Cream of Mushrrom



The Faceoff

- God's power is built to last
- Nothing can strike down God's power
- God uses His power, in His way, on His timing



Closing

- Does something have power over you?
- Ask for God's power
- Believe God is going to act
- God's power is true power

