

雅各殉道彼得被囚希律猝死(徒 12:1-25)

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¹约当那时、希律王下手苦害属教会的几个人。²用刀杀掉了约翰的哥哥雅各。³他见这事叫犹太人喜欢，便加作了一件：连彼得也捉拿了。那时候是除酵的日子。⁴既将彼得逮住了，便放在监里，交给每组四人的四组兵看守，有意思要在逾越节后把他提上来在民众面前办他。⁵于是彼得被看守在监里；教会却为他迫切地祷告上帝。⁶希律将要把他提出来的前一夜，彼得睡在两个兵当中，被两条锁才捆绑着；门前的守卫兵们又看守着监牢。⁷忽然有主的一个天使站在旁边，有光照在狱室里。天使拍着彼得的肋旁，叫醒了他，说：「赶快起来！」彼得的锁才就从他手上掉下来。⁸天使对他说：「束着带子，着上鞋！」彼得就这样作。天使又对他说：「披上外衣，跟着我！」⁹彼得就出来，直跟着；不知道那由天使作的是真的，只当是看见了异象。¹⁰他们经过了第一守卫站、以及第二守卫站，来到通城去的铁门，那门自然地给他们开了。他们就出来，往前走一条街，天使随即离开他去了。¹¹彼得心里明白过来，说：「如今我真地知道主差遣他的天使出来，救拔我脱离希律的手和犹太民众所期待的一切事。」¹²他看透了情势，就往马可之约翰的母亲马利亚家里；在那里有好些人集合着祷告。¹³彼得敲了门廊的门；有个使女名叫罗大、上前来细听，¹⁴认得彼得的声音，由于欢喜的缘故、没有开门，却跑进去报告说彼得站	James Killed and Peter Imprisoned ¹About that time Herod the king laid violent hands on some who belonged to the church. ²He killed James the brother of John with the sword, ³and when he saw that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded to arrest Peter also. This was during the days of Unleavened Bread. ⁴And when he had seized him, he put him in prison, delivering him over to four squads of soldiers to guard him, intending after the Passover to bring him out to the people. ⁵So Peter was kept in prison, but earnest prayer for him was made to God by the church. Peter Is Rescued ⁶Now when Herod was about to bring him out, on that very night, Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, bound with two chains, and sentries before the door were guarding the prison. ⁷And behold, an angel of the Lord stood next to him, and a light shone in the cell. He struck Peter on the side and woke him, saying, "Get up quickly." And the chains fell off his hands. ⁸And the angel said to him, "Dress yourself and put on your sandals." And he did so. And he said to him, "Wrap your cloak around you and follow me." ⁹And he went out and followed him. He did not know that what was being done by the angel was real, but thought he was seeing a vision. ¹⁰When they had passed the first and the second guard, they came to the iron gate leading into the city. It opened for them of its own accord, and they went out and went along one street, and immediately the angel left him. ¹¹When Peter came to himself, he said, "Now I am sure that the Lord has sent his angel and rescued me from the hand of Herod and from all that the Jewish people were expecting."¹²When he realized this, he went to the house of Mary, the mother of John whose other name was Mark, where many were gathered together and were praying. ¹³And when he knocked at the door of the gateway, a servant girl named	¹That's when King Herod got it into his head to go after some of the church members. ²He murdered James, John's brother. ³When he saw how much it raised his popularity ratings with the Jews, he arrested Peter - all this during Passover Week, mind you -⁴and had him thrown in jail, putting four squads of four soldiers each to guard him. He was planning a public lynching after Passover. ⁵All the time that Peter was under heavy guard in the jailhouse, the church prayed for him most strenuously. ⁶Then the time came for Herod to bring him out for the kill. That night, even though shackled to two soldiers, one on either side, Peter slept like a baby. And there were guards at the door keeping their eyes on the place. Herod was taking no chances! ⁷Suddenly there was an angel at his side and light flooding the room. The angel shook Peter and got him up: "Hurry!" The handcuffs fell off his wrists. ⁸The angel said, "Get dressed. Put on your shoes." Peter did it. Then, "Grab your coat and let's get out of here." ⁹Peter followed him, but didn't believe it was really an angel - he thought he was dreaming. ¹⁰Past the first guard and then the second, they came to the iron gate that led into the city. It swung open before them on its own, and they were out on the street, free as the breeze. At the first intersection the angel left him, going his own way. ¹¹That's when Peter realized it was no dream. "I can't believe it - this really happened! The Master sent his angel and rescued me from Herod's vicious little production and the spectacle the Jewish mob was looking forward to." ¹²Still shaking his head, amazed, he went to Mary's house, the Mary who was John Mark's mother. The house was packed with praying friends. ¹³When he knocked on the door to the courtyard, a young woman named Rhoda came to see who it was. ¹⁴But when she recognized his voice - Peter's voice! - she was so excited and eager to tell everyone Peter was there that she forgot to open the door and left him standing in the street. ¹⁵But they wouldn't believe her, dismissing

在门前。」¹⁵大家对她说：「你疯了！」使女却极力地说有这样的。他们说：「那必是他的护卫天使了。」¹⁶彼得继续地敲门；他们开了门，看见彼得，就很惊奇。¹⁷彼得摆手叫他们别出声，就向他们叙说主怎样领他出监；又说：「你们要把这些事向雅各和弟兄们报告。」就出来，往别处去了。¹⁸到了天亮，士兵中起了不小的骚动，不知道彼得怎么样了。¹⁹希律急地寻找他，找不着，就审问守卫兵们，发命令拉去杀了。希律便离开犹太、下该撒利亚，暂时住着。²⁰希律跟推罗西顿的人斗气；他们却同心合意地来见他，先向王的内侍伯拉斯都说情，然后求和求，因为他们的地区是从王的国境得供养的。²¹在指定的日子、希律穿上王服，坐在公座台上，向他们作民众的演讲。²²民众喊叫说：「是神的声音，不是人的声音哪！」²³主的使者立时击打希律，因为他不将荣耀归与上帝，他被虫子咬，就气绝了。²⁴但是上帝之道却一直兴旺，日益广传。²⁵巴拿巴和扫罗办完了供应信徒的事，就从耶路撒冷回来（有古卷作：『就回耶路撒冷去』但此句或可译：『在耶路撒冷供给的事办完了，就回来』），带着称马可的约翰同行。	Rhoda came to answer. ¹⁴Recognizing Peter's voice, in her joy she did not open the gate but ran in and reported that Peter was standing at the gate. ¹⁵They said to her, "You are out of your mind." But she kept insisting that it was so, and they kept saying, "It is his angel!" ¹⁶But Peter continued knocking, and when they opened, they saw him and were amazed. ¹⁷But motioning to them with his hand to be silent, he described to them how the Lord had brought him out of the prison. And he said, "Tell these things to James and to the brothers." Then he departed and went to another place. ¹⁸Now when day came, there was no little disturbance among the soldiers over what had become of Peter. ¹⁹And after Herod searched for him and did not find him, he examined the sentries and ordered that they should be put to death. Then he went down from Judea to Caesarea and spent time there. The Death of Herod ²⁰Now Herod was angry with the people of Tyre and Sidon, and they came to him with one accord, and having persuaded Blastus, the king's chamberlain, they asked for peace, because their country depended on the king's country for food. ²¹On an appointed day Herod put on his royal robes, took his seat upon the throne, and delivered an oration to them. ²²And the people were shouting, "The voice of a god, and not of a man!" ²³Immediately an angel of the Lord struck him down, because he did not give God the glory, and he was eaten by worms and breathed his last. ²⁴But the word of God increased and multiplied. ²⁵And Barnabas and Saul returned from Jerusalem when they had completed their service, bringing with them John, whose other name was Mark.	her, dismissing her report. "You're crazy," they said. She stuck by her story, insisting. They still wouldn't believe her and said, "It must be his angel." ¹⁶All this time poor Peter was standing out in the street, knocking away. ¹⁷Peter put his hands up and calmed them down. He described how the Master had gotten him out of jail, then said, "Tell James and the brothers what's happened." He left them and went off to another place. ¹⁸At daybreak the jail was in an uproar. "Where is Peter? What's happened to Peter?" ¹⁹When Herod sent for him and they could neither produce him nor explain why not, he ordered their execution: "Off with their heads!" Fed up with Judea and Jews, he went for a vacation to Caesarea. ²⁰But things went from bad to worse for Herod. Now people from Tyre and Sidon put him on the warpath. But they got Blastus, King Herod's right-hand man, to put in a good word for them and got a delegation together to iron things out. Because they were dependent on Judea for food supplies, they couldn't afford to let this go on too long. ²¹On the day set for their meeting, Herod, robed in pomposity, took his place on the throne and regaled them with a lot of hot air. ²²The people played their part to the hilt and shouted flatteries: "The voice of God! The voice of God!" ²³That was the last straw. God had had enough of Herod's arrogance and sent an angel to strike him down. Herod had given God no credit for anything. Down he went. Rotten to the core, a maggoty old man if there ever was one, he died. ²⁴Meanwhile, the ministry of God's Word grew by leaps and bounds. ²⁵Barnabas and Saul, once they had delivered the relief offering to the church in Jerusalem, went back to Antioch. This time they took John with them, the one they called Mark.
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- 当你同时遇到几件意想不到突发的事件时，你的心情会受到怎么样的打击？
- 你会不会找亲密的代祷伙伴为你所遇到不容易解决的挑战难处代祷？
- 自己会不会有骄傲自满的时候？当你自己察觉后会怎么处理？

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观察、解释及应用：

在第十一章中彼得宣告福音已经临到外邦人的群体了，而第一个属于外邦人的教会安提阿教会成立后，有美好的牧养及迅速的成长成熟。安提阿教会也是第一所宣教的教会，差遣两位最重要的同工巴拿巴与保罗出去第一次旅游布道、到处建立教会。

如果那么大的好消息继续不断的延伸下去，会多么讨人喜悦！很可能各地的教会会迅速的扩大、聚会的人数多而又多！很快福音就传遍全世界了！

只不过好景不常，接着就看到教会遭遇到挑战及难处。在教会遭遇挑战及难处时圣灵还是一样地做工，让教会在受挑战中被装备、继续成长。这事件也提醒我们教会不会是一帆顺风、毫无难处的。当我们遇到挑战难处时，更要学习如何放下自己，迫切地寻求圣灵的光照及引领！

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¹ 约在那时候，希律王下手苦待教会中的一些人，² 用刀杀了约翰的哥哥雅各。³ 他见犹太人喜欢这事，也去拿住彼得。那时候正是除酵节期间。⁴ 希律捉了彼得，押在监里，交给四班士兵看守，每班四个人，企图要在逾越节后把他提出来，当着百姓办他。⁵ 于是彼得被囚在监里，教会却为他切切祷告神。

“约在那时候”与第十一章所记载事件所发生的时间应该差不多是同时。换句话说，正当前面所说那些值得庆幸的事件(如安提阿教会开始宣教)发生的同时，十分不幸的悲剧也展开了，就是希律王开始下手苦待教会中一些主要的属灵领袖。这里描写了两位主要属灵领袖是雅各及彼得。使徒雅各与使徒约翰是亲兄弟，雅各是哥哥，约翰是弟弟。雅各是主耶稣所立十二个使徒中第一个为主殉道的，而使徒约翰则是最后一个为主殉道的。雅各被刀所杀，很可能是被砍头而死。被杀的地方是个公开的地方，所以有许多犹太人目睹雅各被杀的经过。主耶稣基督最核心的同工只有三位：彼得、雅各、约翰。见证睚鲁女儿的复活、耶稣登山变相、及最后客西马尼园的祷告时都只有这三位最核心的同工在场。使徒彼得与约翰都是新约福音书及书信的作者，但雅各却没有任何的著作，主要是因为雅各很早(约主后 44 年)就成为第一位为主殉道的使徒，而使徒保罗第一次的旅游布道则是主后 48 年才开始的。圣经中使徒雅各所留下唯一的记载就是这里所说，被希律王砍头成为使徒中第一位为主殉道的勇士！

希律王非常的自私自利，当他看见犹太人喜悦雅各被他砍头的这个事件后马上就把当时教会的元首彼得抓起来了，想要更加讨好犹太人、得到他们的支持与称赞。他抓彼得时正是犹太人七天的除酵节(犹太曆正月 15-21 日共七天)，紧贴在逾越节(犹太曆正月 14 日日落傍晚开始)之后。逾越节只有一天，神成就了让以色列人不再在埃及为奴的救赎工作，以色列人只要接受出埃及的呼召，离开埃及就不再为奴、完全自由了。但除酵节却有七天之久，天天都得把旧酵除尽。“酵”象征“罪”，各种各样任何的罪会出现在我们不同的生活层面中。如何我们要好好对付罪的问题，我们要花许许多多的时间反省思考。今天你自己个人对罪的敏感度到底有多高？对圣经许许多多教导的认识有多深？圣灵在你心中是居首位吗？对圣灵引领的敏感度真的很强烈吗？主日敬拜对你的意义又是

什么？有过迟到早退的经验吗？每次查经事前好好准备好了吗？积极参加教会星期三的祷告会吗？属神的事工有哪些你参与了？经常与属灵伙伴有美好的交流以及彼此切切代祷吗？如果一旦有圣灵感动，是不是马上就行动呢？很快就是教会大扫除的日子，你已经选择参与的项目了吗？

希律王捉了彼得、押在监狱里后，作了非常严密的监管准备，竟然分派了四个班次的兵丁，每个班次四个人警卫的安排。也就是说他觉得彼得是一个很重要的人物，有极大的可能会被救出监狱！所以要防备深严、没有万一！准备在除酵节过后在许多犹太百姓面前公开地处死大使徒彼得。

在那么深严警卫的掌控下，教会实在没有办法为彼得作什么了。唯一能做的就是迫切的为他祷告，让神自己行神迹奇事拯救彼得！其实真诚迫切的祷告就是神给弟兄姊妹们最大的属灵武器！不受时空的限制，却能成就万事。於是教会总动员，大家一起真诚迫切地为彼得能够脱离死亡、出监狱获得自由再度见证主的荣耀而警醒祷告。

思考：你愿意为主像雅各一样作默默无名却是宝贵的器皿吗？自己的事奉有没有常常想到怎么讨其他人的欢喜？还是把讨主喜悦放在第一优先？使徒雅各与彼得都是主耶稣亲自拣选任命的使徒，怎么遭遇却完全不一样呢？你对逾越节、除酵节有些什么认识？节期在你的生活中产生什么影响？你怎么分别自己的私心及神的旨意？自己什么时候能够非常迫切的祷告？深入的祷告？

应用：请你多操练自己彻底认罪祷告的良好习惯，养成对罪的敏感度非常的敏锐，经常能够在生活中荣神益人的好见证。如果还没有参加教会星期三晚上的祷告会，请试着开始参加。如果还没有选择教会大扫除参与的项目，请尽快选择你要参与的项目。

天使带彼得出监狱与代祷团队见面 (徒 12:6-19)

⁶ 希律将要提他出来的前一夜，彼得被两条铁链锁着，睡在两个士兵当中；门前还有警卫看守。⁷ 忽然，有主的一个使者显现，牢房里有光照耀；天使拍彼得的肋旁，叫醒了他，说：“快起来！”铁链就在他手上脱落下来。⁸ 天使对他说：“束上腰带，穿上鞋子。”他就照着做了。天使又对他说：“披上外衣，跟我来。”⁹ 彼得就出来跟着他走，不知道天使所做是真的，以为见了异象。¹⁰ 他们经过了第一层和第二层监牢，就来到往城内的铁门，那门就自动给他们开了。他们出来，走过一条街，忽然天使离开他去了。¹¹ 彼得清醒过来，说：“现在我真知道主差遣他的使者，救我脱离希律的手，和犹太人所期待的一切。”¹² 他明白了，就到那称为马可的约翰的母亲马利亚家去，在那里已有好些人聚集祷告。¹³ 彼得敲外门时，有一个使女，名叫罗大，出来应门，¹⁴ 认出是彼得的声音，欢喜得顾不了开门，就跑进去报信，说彼得站在门外。¹⁵ 他们对她说：“你疯了！”使女坚持真有其事。他们说：“那是他的天使。”¹⁶ 彼得不停地敲门；他们开了门，一见是他，就很惊奇。¹⁷ 彼得做个手势，要他们不作声，就告诉他们主怎样领他出监；又说：“你们要把这些事告诉雅各和众弟兄。”然后，他离开往别处去了。¹⁸ 到了天亮，士兵中起了不少骚动，不知道彼得到哪里去了。¹⁹ 希律找他，找不着，就审问警卫，下令带走他们处死。后来希律离开犹太，下凯撒利亚去，住在那里。

重点是在希律王要把彼得提出监狱受审判的前一晚有神迹奇事大事发生了！当时彼得在十分严密的警卫防备之下，被两条铁链牢牢的锁着、睡在两个士兵的中间，加上第十节

提到两层监牢的警卫。每层监牢门口还有几个警卫看守着呢！而这时的彼得能够睡得香甜也可说是神的作为，已经是非常特殊了！不知道你在这样的情况下还能睡好觉吗？这时彼得相信神绝对不会弃他而去。神一定会有自己的办法来拯救他的。

在彼得还在甜睡时，忽然有一位主的天使出现在彼得的身旁。天使的出现使得监狱里十分明亮，一切行动都看得见、看得清清楚楚！天使拍拍彼得的肋旁，把他从甜睡中叫醒过来，督促他赶快离开监狱。

天使的所作所为在这里有非常详细的描述。首先是天使拍醒彼得叫他快起来，这时候铁链就从彼得手上脱落下来了。也就是说一种无形巨大的能力使得彼得手上的铁链很自然的掉下来了。接着天使叫彼得“束上腰带，穿上鞋子”，彼得马上就照着吩咐作了。然后天使又对彼得说：“披上外衣，跟我来”彼得又立刻照着天使的吩咐马上跟着天使走了。

这里描写得非常的仔细，腰带、鞋子、外衣一样都没有省略！也特别描写彼得走出监狱的时候精神恍惚，并不知道真正是天使带领他走出监狱！还以为只是看到异象，一切是假的呢！天使带着他走出了第一、第二层的警卫来到通往城里的铁门，铁门竟然就自动的打开了。他们就进了城，往前走一条街，忽然天使就离开彼得不见了。

这时彼得才完全清醒过来，他自言自语地告诉自己说：“现在我真知道主差遣他的使者，救我脱离希律的手，和犹太人所期待的一切。”也就是说他清楚认知是神的作为让他能够走出那么严密防备的监狱！脱离希律王要宰杀的手！那些想要夺他性命犹太人的计谋！他知道要怎么做了，于是他马上去那称为马可的约翰的母亲马利亚的家，去告诉那些正在迫切为他祷告的弟兄姊妹们他已经被主派天使拯救、完全自由了！

彼得到了目的地敲外面大门的门，也就是说马可约翰的母亲马利亚的家相当的大，院子外面有围墙；要进入院子必须经过围墙的大门。怪不得这个豪宅能够容纳许许多多的人，至少 120 人(参徒 1:13-15)，在那里聚集为彼得的得救祷告。有一个名叫罗大 (玫瑰花的意思) 的使女出来应门。当她听出来是彼得的声音时太惊喜了！竟然门都没开就跑回去告诉正在为彼得祷告的弟兄姊妹们说彼得站在门外！也就是说这位叫罗大的使女是真正相信彼得回来了！

但是那些迫切为彼得祷告的弟兄姊妹们都不相信罗大所说彼得站在门外的信息！他们竟然对罗大说：“你疯了！”觉得这是绝对不可能的事！但他们的反应并没有影响到罗大的确认，她还是坚决的告诉他们说真有其事，彼得现在正在大门外等他们开门让他进来。他们却不住地对罗大说：“那是他的天使。”也就是说他们还是坚持他们不信彼得出监狱了！彼得在大门外没有气馁放弃，一直不停地敲门，一直等到他们开了门。当他们开门看到真是彼得在门外时非常的惊讶！大概正要惊奇呼喊表达他们的惊喜时，彼得作手势要他们安静不惊动左右邻舍，也就是说彼得不想把他出监狱惊天动地的大事让许许多多的人知道。接着彼得把主怎么藉着天使把他从监狱里释放出来的经过告诉了他们，并且要他们把彼得出监牢的这件事详细地告诉耶路撒冷教会的领袖、主耶稣的弟弟雅各以及耶路撒冷其他的弟兄们让他们不必再为彼得担心挂虑了。彼得告诉他们后就离开他们到别的地方去了。

到了第二天天亮的时候士兵们都乱糟糟的，因为不知道原来被他们看管的彼得怎么不在监狱里，究竟到哪里去了！这对那些看管的士兵来讲是一件非常严重的事件，会造成他们的大祸的！果然当希律王来找彼得而找不到时，他就把那些看守的士兵们一个一个的全杀了。希律王本来把彼得抓起来是要在犹太人公众面前把他处死，讨好犹太人。现在

彼得不见了，他也没有办法了，就只好离开犹太地，下到凯撒利亚，就去住在那里了。凯撒利亚位于犹太地的西北边，地中海的边缘。犹太地的地势较高，所以从犹太地到凯撒利亚是用下去而不是上去。

思考：自己在困境时，会不会学会怎么放下自己？仰望神对自己奇妙的引领？在自己生活的点点滴滴上总会有许许多多神的恩典，有没有经常仔细数算神的恩典后，真心的称颂感谢神？遇到相当不平常的事迹后，有没有好好反省检讨把见证分享给许多能够得帮助的弟兄姊妹？自己遇见神迹奇事时会存怀疑的态度，还是坦然接受把荣耀归给神？自己会不会对觉得不可能的事成就后还怀疑是不是真的？如果自己某些事件有请其他人代祷，事情成就的时候有没有对代祷者表示感谢？

应用：请为教会一位有特别需要的弟兄或姊妹迫切代祷，看看神会怎样成就祂的旨意。如果你经历一件经过迫切祷告而后神成就的事，请分享。很快的感恩节就要来临了，请数算一下今年所经历的恩典，有些什么特征？如果有代祷者为你祷告，请在代祷事项有结果时向代祷者表示你的谢意。

希律王因高傲自大而被虫咬死 (徒 12:20-25)

²⁰ 希律向推罗和西顿的人发怒。他们那一带地方是从王的土地供应粮食的，因此就托了王的内侍大臣伯拉斯都的情，一心来求和。²¹ 希律在所定的日子，穿上朝服，坐在位上，对他们演讲。²² 民众一直喊着：“这是神的声音，不是人的声音。”²³ 希律不归荣耀给神，所以主的使者立刻击打他，他被虫咬，就断了气。²⁴ 神的道日见兴旺，越发广传。²⁵ 巴拿巴和扫罗完成了供给的事，就从耶路撒冷回来，带著称为马可的约翰同去。

希律王的不幸遭遇是越来越糟。最后这段经文主要是讲希律王是怎么死亡的。

推罗和西顿是在加利利海的西北部、地中海东边沿岸的城市。比凯撒利亚还要更北。当时这两个地方盛产木材，却没有自己生产的粮食，而需要从加利利那里输入。加利利是属于希律王管辖的地区，所以推罗西顿的居民要靠希律王才有粮食可以食用。不知道因为什么事故，推罗西顿的居民得罪了希律王而惹他大大生气，结果就是不再供应那边所需要的粮食了。推罗西顿那地方的人看见事情闹大就去找了希律王的大臣伯拉斯都，求他帮忙。伯拉斯都是希律王的随身侍卫，可算与希律王蛮亲的。他把推罗西顿人一心来求和的意愿告诉了希律王。希律王就订定了日子召见推罗西顿人差遣来的使者团。

希律王那天穿上了冠冕堂皇的朝服、坐在高高的演讲台上对推罗西顿人差遣来的使者团以及其他参与的民众公开的演讲。来参与的民众想讨好希律王而大声喊着说：“这是神的声音，不是人的声音。”希律王听到后更加自高自大，不把荣耀归给独一的真神，而想自己享有一切的荣耀。结果有主的使者立刻击打他，让希律王被虫咬，就断了气。据犹太史学家约瑟夫记载希律王当时忽然觉得内脏疼痛，缠绵五天后就死亡了。

恶有恶报，希律王的死不但没有影响神的道的传递，而是让神的道日见兴旺，越发的广传。所有真正重生得救的弟兄姊妹都该担负起传道的责任，而不是仅仅传道人才该传道！我们要彼此经常提醒，如果自己不传道就不会是神所喜悦的儿女，因为主耶稣在离世升天前所颁布的大使命：“你们要去，使万民作我的门徒，奉父、子、圣灵的名给他们施洗。凡我所吩咐你们的，都教训他们遵守，我就常与你们同在，直到世界的末了。”(太 28:19-20)。每个基督徒都要作主的门徒，忠心的传道。

最后这一节经文其实与上面的经文没有直接的关系。“巴拿巴和扫罗完成了供给的事”是指上一章安提阿地方的弟兄姊妹尽了他们的力量捐献去帮助那些受到饥荒在犹太地的弟兄姊妹们。收到的捐献是由巴拿巴和扫罗直接送去耶路撒冷的。这里说到他们送过去后回来了。现在是带着年轻的马可到安提阿教会来学习怎么事奉主的。也就是说属灵的长辈要抓住所有的机会训练年轻的弟兄姊妹迅速的成长成熟。

思考：自己有没有过度高抬某个人超过那人当受的称赞的经历？如果有，事后你是怎么处理的？有没有常常检讨自己的所作所为有没有彰显神的荣耀，如果有，有没有把荣耀归给神？自己会不会高抬自己？高夸自己的才能？自己对神的道知道多少？有没有花时间去造就有潜力的同工？

应用：好好装备自己在神的道上有更加深厚的根基，让神的道能够经过你更加广传。如果你有机会，请好好使用尽量帮助年轻的弟兄姊妹迅速受装备、灵命快速成长。