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**Our Unstoppable God**

***Acts 12:1-24***

# Introduction

### Acts shows a pattern of Jewish rejection.

### But no one can stop God’s plan to save humanity as He is the Unstoppable God.

### How did the Jews continue to reject Jesus?

# I. Herod opposed Christ (12:1-22).

## Herod murdered James (12:1-2).

## Herod imprisoned Peter unsuccessfully (12:3-19).

## Herod accepted worship that only God deserves (12:20-22).

(So what happened as a result? How did God respond to these who rejected the gospel?)

# II. God judged Herod but prospered the church (12:23-24).

## Herod died by being eaten by worms (12:23).

## The church grew both in numbers and geographically (12:24).

# III. God judges oppressors while expanding his church (Main Idea).

## He uses difficulty to help us love him.

## Often the places of greatest trial are the places of greatest growth.

(How does God respond today to those who reject the gospel?)

# Conclusion

### God judges oppressors while expanding his church (Main Idea).

### How will you trust in God’s timing and way to deal with those who reject him?

#### Are you suffering for Jesus right now?

#### How can your difficulties propel you to greater growth?

#### Will you let God deal with his opposers as he wishes?

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