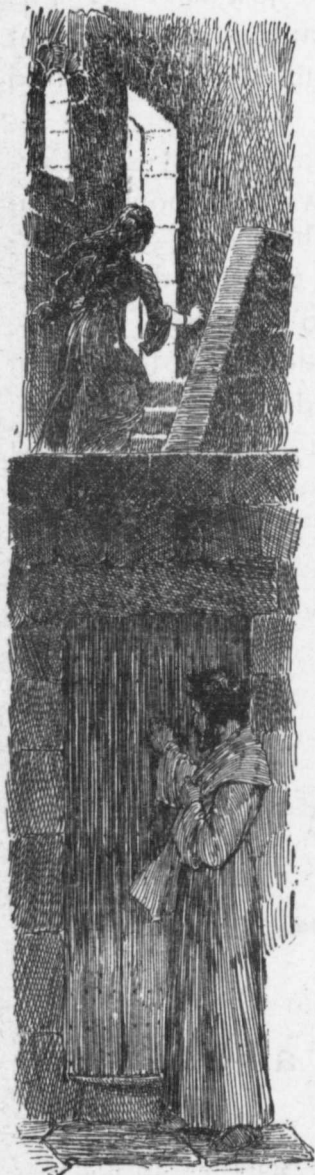


PETER DELIVERED FROM PRISON

Acts 12:1-19



The wicked King Herod wanted to make the disciples afraid to follow Jesus. He was a great and powerful king. One day his soldiers took James, one of the disciples, and killed him. Then they took Peter, but instead of killing him, they put him in prison until after the great passover feast was ended.

Peter's friends were very sad, and day after day they met to pray that he might be saved. Now the last night had come, and the next day King Herod had planned to let the people see Peter suffer and die.

Peter lay asleep between two soldiers. Strong chains bound him to them, and other soldiers stood on guard outside. But suddenly Peter awoke and saw beside him an angel who said, "Rise, and follow me." Peter thought that it was all a dream, but the chains fell off, and he quickly followed the angel, out of the prison and past the guards. The great iron gate opened to let them pass, and they walked out into the quiet street. Then the angel went away, and Peter knew