

The Angels That Were Never Sent

Scripture: Matthew 26:53

Introduction

The scripture is filled with accounts of angelic deliverances. The wonderful deeds of these righteous servants of God thrill us and fill us with the knowledge that God cares for us and God delivers.

I. Lot's angelic rescue

Genesis 19:1a, 16 And there came two angels to Sodom at even; and Lot sat in gate of Sodom And while he lingered, the men laid hold upon his hands and upon the hands of his wife, and upon the hands of his two daughters, the Lord being merciful unto him: and they brought him forth and set him with out the city.

- A. God reveals his plan to Abraham
- B. Abraham's intercession
- C. The angels appear
- D. Lot and his family delivered

II. Daniel's angelic rescue

Daniel 6:21-22 Then said Daniel unto the king, o king, live forever. My God hath sent his angel, and hath shut the lions mouths, that they have not hurt me

- A. The jealous aristocracy
- B. Daniel's prayer habits
- C. The plot against Daniel
- D. Daniel cast into the den of lions
- E. His miraculous deliverance

III Peter's angelic rescue

Acts 12:7 And, behold, the angel of the Lord came upon him, and a light shined in the prison: and he smote Peter on the side, and raised him up, saying, Arise up quickly. And his chains fell off from his hands.

- A. Herod kills James and casts Peter into prison
- B. The church's around-the-clock prayer meeting

- C. The angel appears in the prison
- D. Peter escorted to safety

IV. Paul's angelic visitor

Acts 27:23 For there stood before me this night the angel of God, whose I am, and whom I serve.

- A. Paul warns the centurion
- B. The two week long storm
- C. The angel's message
- D. The shipwreck
- E. All aboard saved

But the most marvelous account in the scripture concerning angels is found in Matthew 26. It involves angels that were never sent to help.

V. Jesus' attending legions

Matthew 26:53 Thinkest thou that I cannot pray to my Father, and he will presently give me more than twelve legions of angels?

- A. Christ's arrest in the garden
- B. Peter smites the servant of the High Priest
- C. Jesus refuses to call his angelic deliverers
- D. The wonderful results of Jesus' choice
 - 1. Forgiveness
 - 2. Fellowship with God
 - 3. God's provision for health
 - a. Spiritual
 - b. Physical
 - c. Emotional
 - d. Mental
 - 4. Eternal life