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SUNDAY CELEBRATION

**“OK ...What
Now?”**

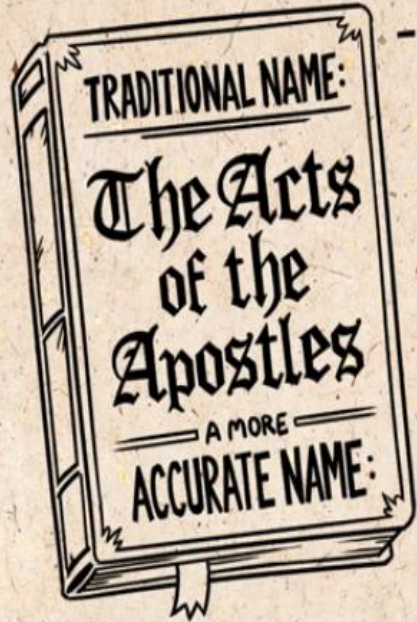
Ps Dr Ng Kok Moi | 11 June 2017

Bible – an Authentic Book

- 1.No sugar coating to narratives – tell it as it is.**
- 2.No editing to look good.**



Book of Acts



The

ACTS

of JESUS & the SPIRIT



- A UNIFIED, TWO-VOLUME WORK
- FROM THE SAME AUTHOR: **LUKE**
- A TRAVELING CO-WORKER WITH **PAUL** (COLOSSIANS 4:14, PHILEMON v.24)




LUKE

ACTS

1:1

"I produced my **FIRST ACCOUNT** about all the things Jesus **BEGAN** to do & teach."

IMPLICATION:
ACTS
=
WHAT JESUS
"CONTINUED" TO
DO & TEACH



“OK ... What Now?”

- 1. Overview of Acts 1-8**
- 2. From the eyes of an ordinary believer**
- 3. Lessons for us – here and now**

Acts 1 – Ascension of Christ



Acts 1 – Choosing of Matthias



Acts 2 – Pentecost



Acts 2:42 - 47



Acts 3 – Healing of Crippled Beggar



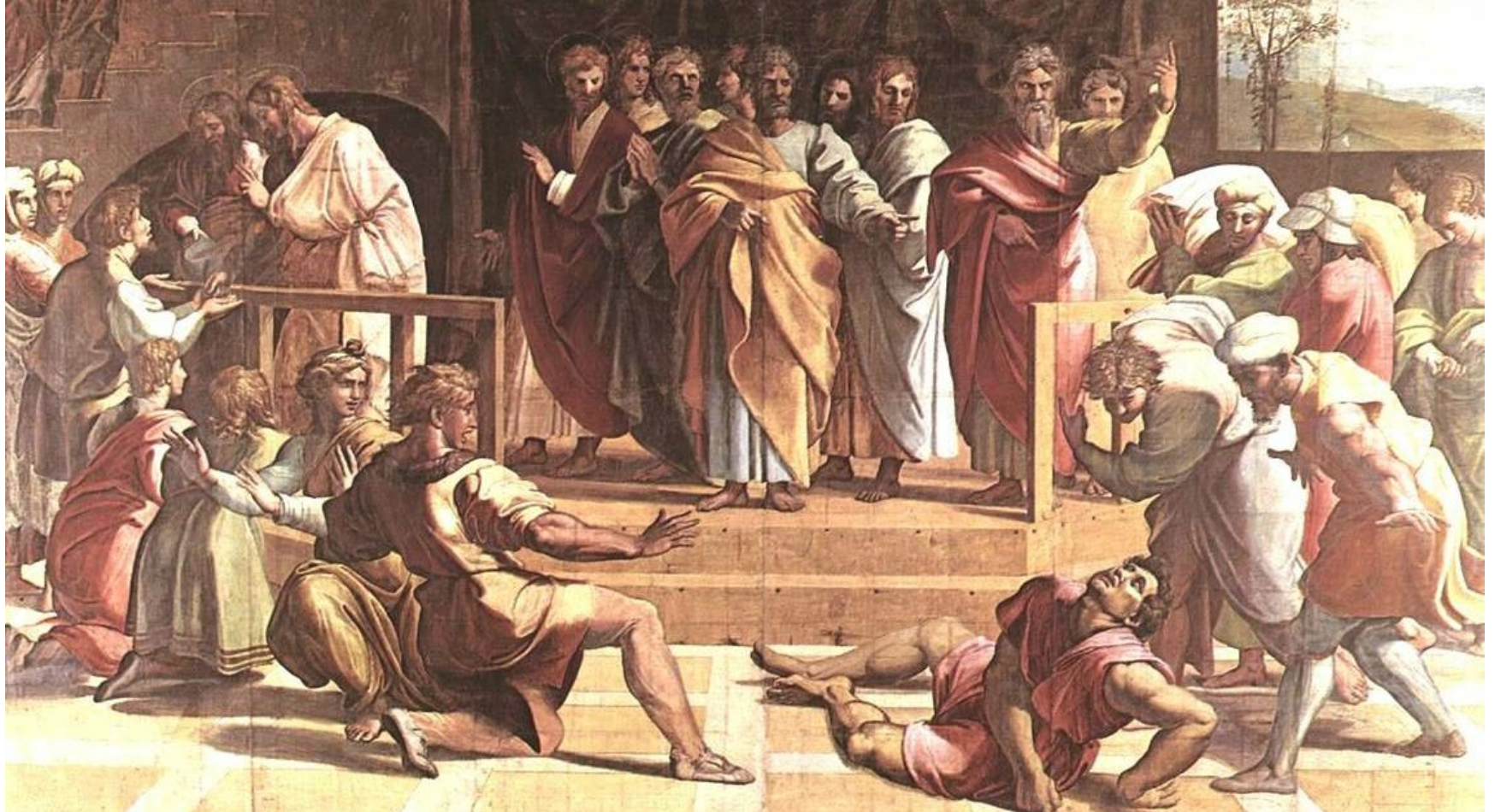
Acts 3 – Peter's Sermon



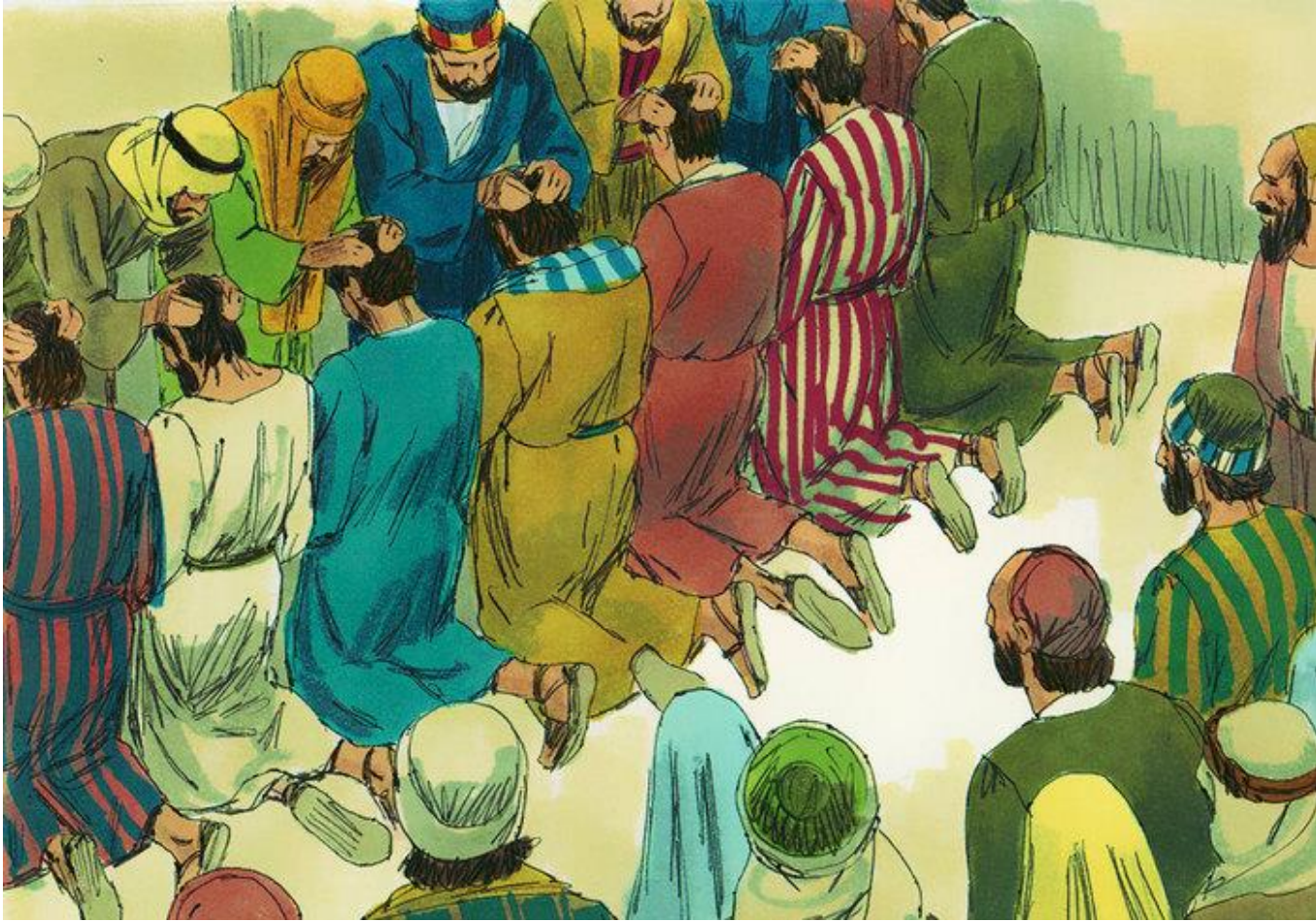
Acts 4 – Peter & John Arrested



Acts 5 – Ananias & Sapphira




Acts 6 – Choosing of the Seven



Acts 7 – Stephen Martyred





“OK ... What Now?”

... from the eyes of an ordinary believer...

From the eyes of an ordinary believer:

- 1. Exponential growth**
- 2. Exemplary community life**
- 3. Essential holiness**
- 4. Escalating persecution**

1. Exponential growth

- 1. Acts 1:15 – Group of 120 in Upper Room.**
- 2. Acts 2:41 – 3,000 added**
- 3. Acts 2:47 – the Lord added to their numbers daily**
- 4. Acts 4:4 – 5,000**

◀ Acts ▶

Bible Timeline

30 AD	The Ascension		Acts 1
30 AD	Matthias Chosen by Lot	120	Acts 1:12
30 AD	The Holy Spirit Comes at Pentecost	3,000	Acts 2
30 AD	Peter Heals and Preaches		Acts 3
30 AD	Peter and John Arrested and Released;	5,000	Acts 4
30 AD	Believers Share All		Acts 4:32
30 AD	Deaths of Ananias and Sapphira		Acts 5
30 AD	Apostles Preach and Heal		Acts 5:11
31 AD	Stephen's Speech, Stoning and Death		Acts 6, 7
31 AD	Saul Persecutes the Church		Acts 8
31 AD	Philip in Samaria		Acts 8:3
31 AD	Simon the Sorcerer		Acts 8:9
31 AD	Philip and the Ethiopian		Acts 8:26

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From the eyes of an ordinary believer:

1. Exponential growth

2. Exemplary community life

2. Exemplary Community Life **(Acts 2:42-47)**

- 1. Apostles' Teaching**
- 2. Fellowship**
- 3. Breaking of bread**
- 4. Prayer**
- 5. Sharing possessions**

Meet in Temple Courts

Meet & eat in homes

Gladness & sincere hearts

Praise God & enjoy favour of all people

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From the eyes of an ordinary believer:

1. Exponential growth

2. Exemplary community life

3. Essential holiness

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1. God's purification

2. Fear

3. Outcome:

- Eph 5:3-5 (not even a hint...)**
- Col 3:5 (Put to death...)**

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- 1. Peter & John – Acts 4**
- 2. Apostles – Acts 5 (Peter & the other apostles, all 12, v 29)**
- 3. Stoning of Stephen – Acts 7:54ff**
- 4. Great persecution against the church at Jerusalem**

4. Escalating persecution

The believers' response:

- 1. Prayer – for boldness (Acts 4:29)**
- 2. One in heart & mind (Acts 4:32)**
- 3. “Business as usual” (Acts 5:42)**
- 4. “Scattered” (Acts 8:1)**
- 5. Preached wherever they went; e.g. Philip. (Acts 8:2)**



“OK ... What Now?”

... Lessons for us – here and now...

1. **Prequisite for growth**
2. **Preserving Holiness (Church discipline)**
3. **Persecution: Respond & Prepare**

1. Prerequisite for growth

1. Holy Spirit

2. Bible-centered Teaching

3. Christ-centered Fellowship

4. Prayer

2. Preserving Holiness (Church discipline)

- 1. Spiritual discernment of leaders**
- 2. Boldness of leaders**
- 3. Humility & yieldedness of members**

3. Persecution: Respond & Prepare

1. Reality

Matt 24:9

2. Global & local

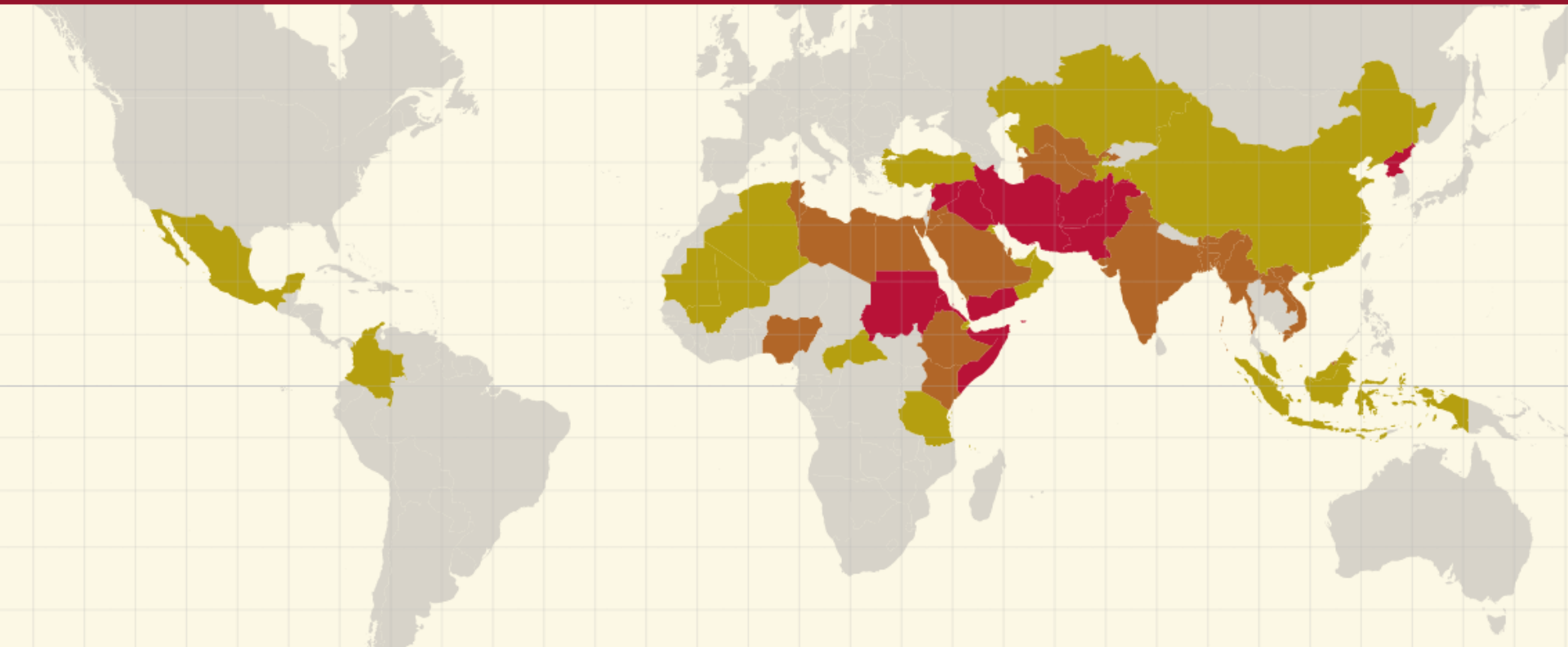
John 15:18

3. Escalating

John 15:20b

“More Christians died for the faith in the 20th century than in the previous 19 centuries of Christian history combined.”

WORLD WATCH LIST 2017



The Persecution of Christians

Extreme Persecution

Very High Persecution

High Persecution



Open Doors

Serving persecuted **Christians** worldwide

WORLD WATCH LIST 2017

1 North Korea Score: 92/100

2 Somalia Score: 91/100

3 Afghanistan Score: 89/100

4 Pakistan Score: 88/100

5 Sudan Score: 87/100

6 Syria Score: 86/100

26 Bangladesh Score: 63/100

27 Jordan Score: 63/100

28 Myanmar Score: 62/100

29 Tunisia Score: 61/100

30 Bhutan Score: 61/100

31 Malaysia Score: 60/100

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MJ7ZUo4Wx-Y>

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Saturday, 3 June

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Manchester Bombing – 22 May 2017



Westminster Bridge in London, Britain March 22, 2017.



May 26 – Coptic Christians killed



An ISIS group took over Marawi (a Philippine city near Sabah) on 23 May, 2017



... and Malaysia is worried

Ps Raymond Koh, abducted on Feb 13



100 DAYS *...and still missing*



> **PRAYERS**
and more
VIGILS planned
for Pastor
Raymond Koh

BY **TIMOTHY ACHARIAM**
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PETALING JAYA: Today marks 100 days since the abduction of Pastor Raymond Koh (pic), with police no closer to solving the case. On the morning of Feb 13, the 62-year-old was abducted by a group of masked men less than 100m from a police housing complex in SS4, Kelana Jaya. Video footage from CCTVs in the area showed seven vehicles, including three black four-wheel drive vehicles, forcing his car

**118
days**



**Ps Joshua &
Ruth Hilmy
Nov 2016 (KL)**



**Ps Raymond
Koh
Feb 2017 (PJ)**



**En Amri Che
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Nov 2016 (Perlis)**

Apology not accepted
GUILTY
Two Years Jail

Governor Ahok Apologizes for Quoting the Holy Quran



Kamarul Zaman Yusoff

Nations of the Golden Gate
aligning with
Jerusalem's Jubilee

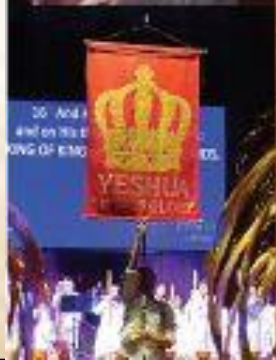
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PREPARING THE WAY FOR THE KING OF GLORY
RESTORING THE KINGDOM

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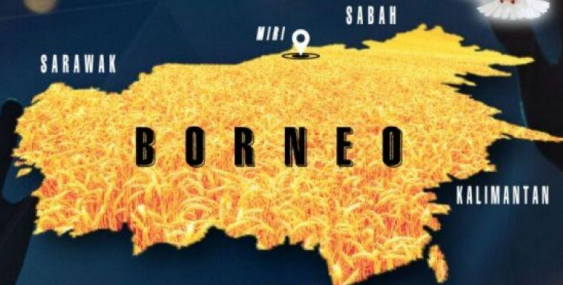
Deputy Prime Minister Ahmad Zahid Hamidi
ordered the police to ban the "Jerusalem
Jubilee" gathering.... (June 5)

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**ALL BORNEO REVIVAL
CONVOCATION 2017**

"LOOK, THE FIELDS ARE RIPE FOR HARVEST"
JOHN 4:35B



OPENING
22ND JUNE 2017
7.00PM-10.00PM (ADMISSION FREE)

SESSIONS
23RD-25TH JUNE 2017
08.00AM-01.30PM, MORNING SESSION
01.30PM-05.30PM, AFTERNOON SESSION
(DAYTIME ADMISSION BY REGISTRATION: RM100/PAX)
07.00PM-10.00PM, EVENING SESSIONS
(ADMISSION FREE)

BEM ON THE ROCK, MIRI SARAWAK



P. TOM BEES & KATE BEES



P. AFEEF BALLABAN



P. BULEMAN WANZOR



P. BRIGITTA GRACE



P. DR. RENDY PILLAI

"PREPARING THE WAY FOR KING OF GLORY"

Christian Event - English, Bahasa Malaysia & Chinese Translation
Organiser - Good News Ministry / Association of Churches, Sarawak (Mir) / Miri Pastors' Fellowship / JHOPAN (Jerusalem House of Prayer For All Nations)

SARAWAK CHRISTIAN EVENT CANCELLED AFTER 'JERUSALEM JUBILEE' BAN

3. Persecution: Respond & Prepare

- 1. Do not be “cowed” & retreat**
- 2. SOP**
- 3. Deepen our relationship with Jesus**
 - Forward looking (Heb 11:35-39)**
 - For the joy set before us (Heb 12:2)**

3. Persecution: Respond & Prepare

4. Know the Scriptures, especially Revelation... “We Win!!”

5. Inter-faith Relationship & dialogue

6. Prepare our next-Gen

- Family**
- Church / Ministry**

Conclusion



Watch



Pray



Be Ready



***Are you
watching?***

***Are you
praying?***

***Are you
ready?***