

# Peter Heals the Lame Man

Acts 3 - 4



## The Story

One day Peter and John went up to the temple for prayer. At the temple gate, called Beautiful, they met a lame man who would sit at the gate everyday. This man could not walk and had to ask for money from those who entered the gate. When this man saw Peter and John about to enter, he asked them for money. Peter and John both looked at the man and Peter told him, "Look at us."

So the lame man gave Peter and John his full attention because he thought they were going to give him some money. But Peter said to him, "Silver and gold I do not have, but what I do have I give to you; in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk."

They lifted the man up and immediately his feet and ankles were healed and the man was able to stand. He stood and entered the temple with Peter and John. Then he went walking, leaping and praising God throughout the temple courts.

When all the people saw the man who had been lame and now walked, they were surprised and amazed. They ran toward Peter, John and the man and gathered around them at a place called Solomon's Porch.

When Peter saw the crowd that gathered around them, he asked the people, "Men of Israel, why does this surprise you? Why do you think it is by our own power or godliness that we made this man walk?"

Then Peter preached to the people about Jesus. He accused them of helping put Jesus to death, but he told them how God had raised Him from the dead. He told

them to repent of their sins and believe in Jesus Christ, the One spoken of by the prophets.

The priests and Sadducees overheard what Peter was saying to the people. They were upset that Peter was preaching about Jesus and about the resurrection from the dead. They had Peter and John arrested.

The next day they brought Peter and John before a group of the Sadducees. The Sadducees asked Peter and John how they were able to perform this miracle and in whose name they had performed it.

Peter was filled with the Holy Spirit and proclaimed that Jesus of Nazareth healed the lame man and this was the same man that they had put to death on the cross. He told them that Jesus is the only way to salvation. He said, "Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven by which we must be saved."

The Sadducees were amazed at the boldness and knowledge of Peter and John. They commanded Peter and John not to speak or teach the name of Jesus anymore. But Peter and John obeyed God rather than men and they replied, "We must speak the things which we have heard and seen."

After they were released from prison, Peter and John praised God and gave Him glory. They and their fellow believers were all filled with the Holy Spirit and they spoke the Word of God with boldness.

***God gave Peter the gift of healing and the boldness to preach and to spread the message of the Word of God.***

**Activity One** - Review of the Story. Match the correct answer to the question by drawing a line from one dot to the other.

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| 1. What was wrong with the man in the temple? ●  | ● Walking, leaping, and praising God. |
| 2. What two things had the lame man been healed from through the power of Christ? ●  | ● The Priest and Sadducees.           |
| 3. How did the lame man show his thankfulness? ●   | ● With boldness.                      |
| 4. To whom did Peter give the credit for this miracle? ●   | ● He was lame.                        |
| 5. What two things did Peter tell the people to do in order for their sins to be taken away? ●                                     | ● Not to preach the name of Jesus.    |
| 6. Who did not like what Peter and John were preaching? ●  | ● Arrested them and put them in jail. |
| 7. What did they do to Peter and John? ●   | ● Spiritual and physical disease.     |
| 8. What did they tell Peter and John not to do anymore? ●  | ● Jesus.                              |
| 9. Peter and John refused to listen to the church leaders but kept on preaching the Gospel. How did they preach the word of God? ● | ● Repent and believe.                 |
| 10. Who gave them the strength to preach the Word of God? ●  | ● The Holy Spirit.                    |

***Since we have been healed from the disease of sin, we should desire to spread this message of salvation.***

## Activity Two - Word Search. Find the words from our lesson today in the word search.

G O N F I D E N C D T H  
D O T O K R E T E P R O  
I P S P I R H O L R E L  
A T E P T T H A N K S Y  
J Y R R E I A R P R N S  
D T E M P L E V V E A P  
Y L P I A J P E L M H I  
T E P R A I S E P A T R  
P L E I T N O J L L S I  
S A L V A Y H O L A H T  
H O J P S O G H G O S P  
E C N E D I F N O C E R

Lame  
Gospel  
Jail

Holy Spirit  
Peter  
Praise

Salvation  
Confidence  
Repentance

John  
Thanks  
Temple

## Passages (Passages for discussion or memorization)

Acts 4:12 - "Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."

Acts 4:20 - "For we cannot but speak the things which we have heard and seen."

This should also be our attitude toward preaching and spreading God’s Word. We have heard and seen many things from the Bible.

Draw pictures or write out what you have heard and seen from the Bible that you would want to tell others. Place them in the boxes provided.

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“For we cannot but speak the things which we have heard and seen.”

*(Some answers should include: telling others that they are sinful, Jesus’s love, Jesus’s forgiveness. Other answers might be, Jesus rose from the dead, God created all things, we are going to heaven. There can be an unlimited number of answers.)*

## **Hymn** - TLH #283 *(Also “Silver and Gold Have I None” Wee Sing Bible Songs p. 16-17)*

God’s Word is our great heritage and shall be ours forever;  
To spread its light from age to age shall be our chief endeavor.  
Through life it guides our way, in death it is our stay.  
Lord, grant, while worlds endure, we keep its teachings pure  
Throughout all generations. Amen.

## **Prayer**

Dear Lord,

Help us for we are lame of faith and poor in grace! Strengthen our faith so we look only to Your grace and salvation for the hope of eternal life. Make us bold as Peter so that we may speak of Your name to all people and all to whom we meet. For only in You is there salvation and hope for eternity. In Your name we pray, Amen.