

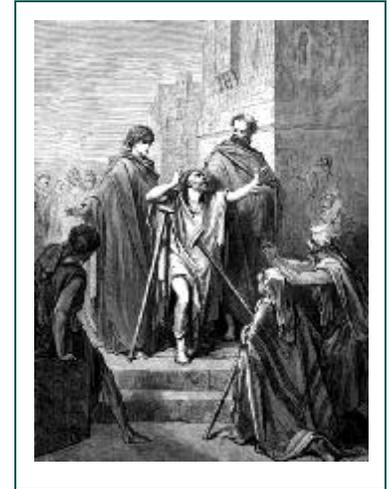
Peter Heals the Lame Man

Acts 3-4

Would you be able to help someone who couldn't walk? Would you be able to make them walk again? Peter was able to do that in today's lesson. How could he do that? Let's find out.

Prayer

Dear Heavenly Father, Please send your Holy Spirit into my heart through Your Word that we are about to study. Help me to be learn about preaching Your name to others. In Jesus' name. Amen.



The Story - Acts 3-4

Now Peter and John went up together to the temple at the hour of prayer, the ninth hour. {2} And a certain man lame from his mother's womb was carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple which is called Beautiful, to ask alms from those who entered the temple; {3} who, seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple, asked for alms. {4} And fixing his eyes on him, with John, Peter said, "Look at us." {5} So he gave them his attention, expecting to receive something from them.

{6} Then Peter said, "Silver and gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk." {7} And he took him by the right hand and lifted him up, and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength. {8} So he, leaping up, stood and walked and entered the temple with them; walking, leaping, and praising God. {9} And all the people saw him walking and praising God. {10} Then they knew that it was he who sat begging alms at the Beautiful Gate of the

temple; and they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him.

(paraphrase) The lame man who was healed held on to Peter and John; all the people ran together to them greatly amazed. When Peter saw it, he responded to the people, "Men of Israel, why do you marvel at this? Or why look so intently at us, as though by our own power or godliness we had made this man walk? Jesus, whom you delivered up and killed and whom God raised from the dead, we are witnesses of Him. His name and through faith in His name, has made this man strong, whom you see and know. Yes, the faith which comes through Him has given him this perfect soundness in the presence of you all. "

"Repent and be converted. Think of the writings of Moses, Samuel and all the prophets which tell of a Prophet who is Jesus. Anyone who does not listen to those words that Jesus is the only way of salvation will go to hell at the end of the world."

(Acts 4) Now as they spoke to the



people, the priests, the captain of the temple, and the Sadducees came upon them, {2} being greatly disturbed that they taught the people and preached in Jesus the resurrection from the dead. {3} And they laid hands on them, and put them in custody until the next day, for it was already evening. {4} However, many of those who heard the word believed; and the number of the men came to be about five thousand.

{5} And it came to pass, on the next day, that their rulers, elders, and scribes, {6} as well as Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and as many as were of the family of the high priest, were gathered together at Jerusalem. {7} And when they had set them in the midst, they asked, "By what power or by what name have you done this?"

{8} Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders of Israel ... let it be known to you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by Him this man stands here before you whole. {11} "This is the 'stone which was rejected by you builders, which has become the chief cornerstone.' {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."

{13} Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were uneducated and untrained men, they marveled. And they realized that they had been with Jesus. {14} And seeing the man who had been healed standing with them, they could say nothing against it. {15} But when they had commanded them to go

aside out of the council, they conferred among themselves, {16} saying, "What shall we do to these men? For, indeed, that a notable miracle has been done through them is evident to all who dwell in Jerusalem, and we cannot deny it. {17} "But so that it spreads no further among the people, let us severely threaten them, that from now on they speak to no man in this name."

{18} And they called them and commanded them not to speak at all nor teach in the name of Jesus. {19} But Peter and John answered and said to them, "Whether it is right in the sight of God to listen to you more than to God, you judge. {20} "For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard."

{21} So when they had further threatened them, they let them go, finding no way of punishing them, because of the people, since they all glorified God for what had been done. {22} For the man was over forty years old on whom this miracle of healing had been performed.

{23} And being let go, they went to their own companions and reported all that the chief priests and elders had said to them. {24} So when they heard that, they raised their voice to God with one accord...

{31} And when they had prayed, the place where they were assembled together was shaken; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they spoke the word of God with boldness.

{32} Now the multitude of those who believed were of one heart and one soul; neither did anyone say that any of the things he possessed was his own, but they had all things in common...

Outer Aim - God gave Peter the gift of healing and the boldness to preach and to spread the message of the Word of God.

What the Story Tells Us - Answer the following questions from the lesson.

1. What was wrong with the man in the temple?
2. What two things had the lame man been healed from through the power of Christ?
3. How did the lame man show his thankfulness?
4. To whom did Peter give the credit for this miracle?
5. What two things did Peter tell the people to do in order for their sins to be taken away?
6. Who did not like what Peter and John were preaching?
7. What did they do to Peter and John?
8. What did they tell Peter and John not to do anymore?
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?
10. Who gave them the strength to preach the Word of God?

Your Turn - Discuss the following questions. Use your Bible to help answer them.

1. From what great disease in our lives has our Great Physician healed us?
2. What did God do for us that would heal us from this horrible disease?
3. What should we want to do for God because of this wonderful gift of healing He has given us?
4. Who put Jesus on the cross? Why should the answer be us?
5. How do we receive forgiveness from our sins?
6. If we have faith in Jesus, what will be our inheritance at the end of our life?
7. Who does not like to hear the message of the Gospel?

What God's Word Tells Us - Read the passage and discuss the statements that follow. Use your story above to find the passage from Acts 4.

Matthew 10:32-33 - Therefore whoever confesses Me before men, him I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven. But whoever denies Me before men, him I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven.

- ▶ When we read this passage, we realize the importance of speaking out about Jesus.
- ▶ Can you think of times in your future when you may have to speak out for Jesus.
- ▶ Each of the class think of one situation and share it.
- ▶ Write down Acts 4:12. That could be a good start for a possible message of salvation.

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

Passages

Psalms 50:15 - Call upon Me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify Me.

Romans 10:17 - So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

Hymn & Prayer - TLH #360 v. 1-3, 5-7

Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing
My great Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King,
The triumphs of His grace!

My gracious Master and my God,
Assist me to proclaim,
To spread thro' all the earth abroad,
The honors of Thy name.

Jesus! - the name that charms our fears,
That bids our sorrows cease;
'Tis music in the sinner's ears,
'Tis life and health and peace.

Look unto Him, ye nations; own
Your God, ye fallen race,
Look and be saved through faith alone,
Be justified by grace.

See all your sins on Jesus laid;
The Lamb of God was slain;
His soul was once an offering made
For every soul of man.

Glory to God and praise and love
Be ever, ever given
By saints below and saints above,
The Church in earth and heaven. Amen.