

Lesson 2: Power

Today's Bible Story

Late one afternoon, Peter and John went to the temple to pray. When they came near, they saw a lame man who could not walk. Every day, that man was brought to the same spot outside the temple gate in order to beg for money.

Seeing Peter and John, the man asked for money. Peter looked at him and said, "I have no silver and gold, but what I do have I will give to you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, stand up and walk!" Taking the lame man by the right hand, Peter lifted him up.

Immediately, the man's feet and ankles were made strong, and he leaped up from the ground and began to walk! Overjoyed at his new strength, the man went into the temple with Peter and John, leaping and dancing and praising God the whole way. Those who were present were amazed, and ran over to see them.

Noticing their shock, Peter said to them, "Men of Israel, why do you stare at us, as though by our own power we have made this man walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, the God of Jacob, the God of our fathers, has glorified his servant Jesus.

"This Jesus is the same man that you handed over to Pilate — even after Pilate had decided to release him! But you denied the Holy and Righteous One, and asked for a murderer to go free instead. In doing so, you killed the Author of Life, whom God raised from the dead.

"And it is by the name of Jesus that this man — whom you all see and know — has been made strong. The power of Jesus has given this man perfect health today, in your very presence."



From Acts 3:1-16

Bible Rhyme

John and Peter went to pray
at the temple late one day.
There they saw a crippled man
sitting, begging, in the sand.

"Gold and silver we have not,
"but we'll share what we have got:
"In Jesus' name, rise up and stand!
"You can do it; take my hand!"

Peter, then, reached out his hand,
helping the poor man to stand.
His legs were strong now, like a boy.
He could run and jump for joy!

