

Church of God Sunday School

THE LAME MAN MADE WELL

Acts 3:4:1-22

When Jesus was on this earth, He healed many people. After Jesus went back to Heaven, did the miracles stop? Could sick people still be healed? Before He left, Jesus gave a command to His disciples. He told them to preach about the Kingdom of Heaven and to "heal the sick" (Matthew 10:7-8). This story is about the first healing recorded in the Book of the Acts of the Apostles.

One day Peter and John went up to the temple at the time of prayer. The Jews had three hours set aside every day for prayer: the third hour (9:00 a.m.), the sixth hour (12 noon), and the ninth hour (3:00 p.m.). Peter and John went to the temple at the ninth hour.

A lame man sat at the gate called Beautiful, asking for alms (gifts of money to the poor) of those who entered the temple. He was more than forty years old, and he had been lame (crippled) since he had been born.

When the lame man saw Peter and John were "about to go into the temple," he asked alms of them. Peter looked at him and said, "Look on us." The man did so, expecting to receive something from them. Peter said, "Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk."

Peter took the hand of the lame man and helped him to stand up. Immediately, the man's feet and ankle bones were made strong; he stood upon his feet, and he walked! This man entered the temple with Peter and John, "walking, and leaping, and praising God."

When all the people saw that the man who had been lame for so long was walking, they were greatly amazed and filled with wonder. They ran to Peter and John, who were standing "in the porch that is called Solomon's." Here Peter had a wonderful opportunity to preach the Gospel.

Peter said: "Ye men of Israel, why marvel ye at this? or why look ye so earnestly on us, as though by our own power or holiness we had made this man to walk?" Peter wanted the people to know that the lame man was not healed because of his power, but it was "through faith in [Jesus'] name" that the man was made "strong."



Peter then told the people to repent of killing Jesus in ignorance so that their sins "may be blotted out," or removed. About five thousand men "heard the word [and] believed."

While Peter and John were talking to the people, the Sadducees (*SAD-joo-sees*), the priests, and the captain of the temple came to the temple. They were very displeased to find Peter and John teaching the people about Jesus. They grabbed them and put them in prison.

The next day, the high priest and his kindred set Peter and John in their midst and asked them, "By what power, or by what name, have ye done this?" Peter, being filled with the Holy Ghost, said to them, "Be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, even by him doth this man stand here before you whole."

When the Sadducees and the priests and the high priest saw the boldness of Peter and John, they marveled, because they knew that Peter and John were ignorant and unlearned men. They *had* to admit that these men "had been with Jesus."

And there stood the lame man! What could they say against his miraculous healing? Nothing! However, after they had talked among themselves, they warned Peter and John "not to speak at all nor teach in the name of Jesus."

Look at Peter and John's answer: "Whether it be right in the sight of God to hearken unto you more than unto God, judge ye. For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard." Peter and John could not obey men and stop telling others about Jesus. Jesus

had commanded them to "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature" (Mark 16:15).


The Sadducees and priests threatened Peter and John further, but then they let them go. There was

nothing they could do to punish them, for all the people glorified God for what had been done for the lame man.

MEMORY VERSE:

"Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee."

—Acts 3:6



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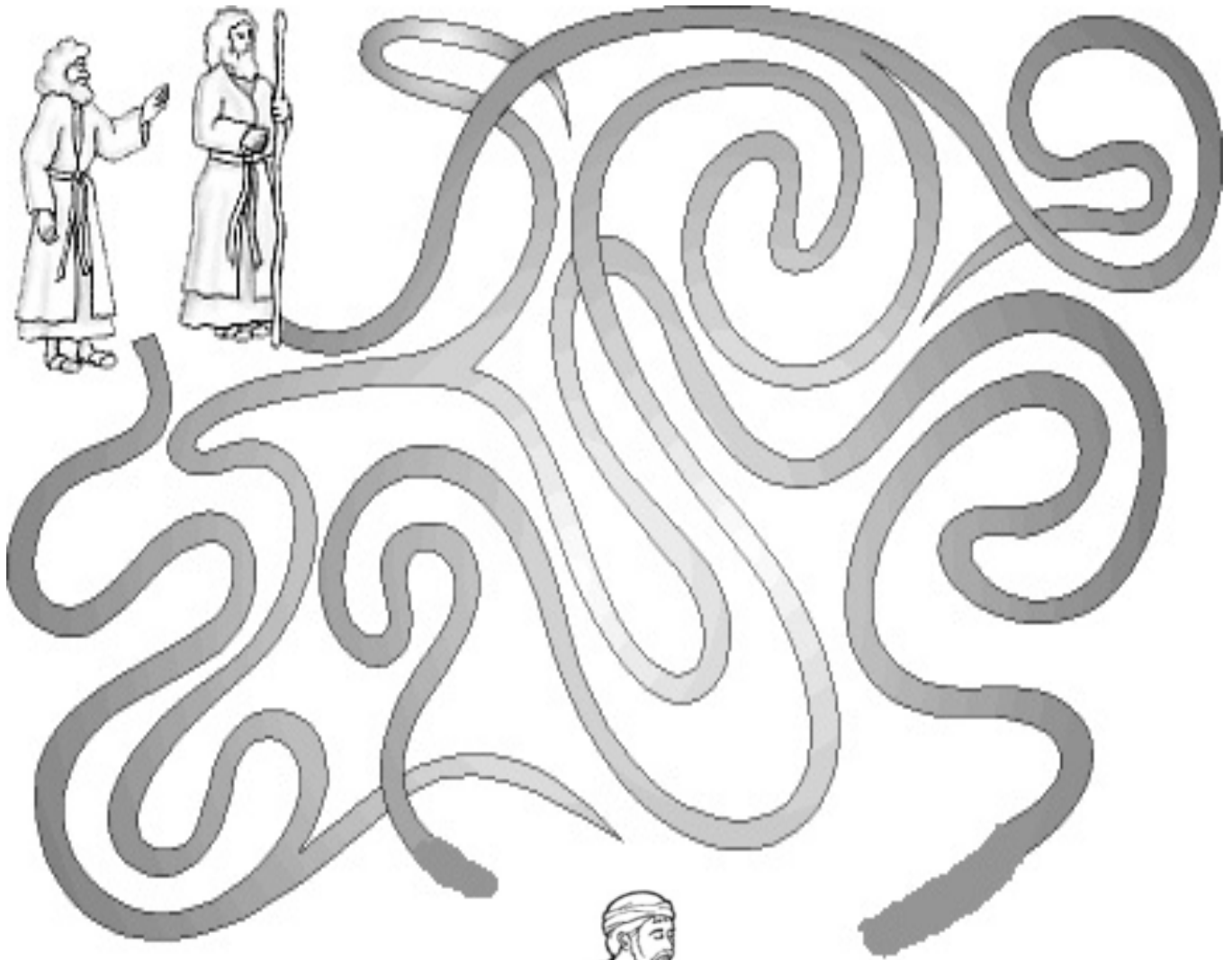


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