

"NO LONGER A CRIPPLE"

LAST WEEK WE STUDIED THE FIRST TWO CHAPTERS OF ACTS. TODAY OUR LESSON COMES FROM ACTS CHAPTERS 3 & 4. (OPEN THEIR BIBLES).

ONE AFTERNOON PETER AND JOHN WERE GOING TO THE TEMPLE. ON THEIR WAY TO THE TEMPLE THEY SAW A CRIPPLED MAN. THIS MAN HAD BEEN CRIPPLED HIS WHOLE LIFE. EVERY DAY PEOPLE CARRIED THIS MAN TO THE GATE OF THE TEMPLE SO HE COULD ASK FOR MONEY FROM PEOPLE GOING INTO THE TEMPLE TO WORSHIP. (BECAUSE HE COULD NOT WORK)

THE CRIPPLED MAN SAW PETER & JOHN GOING INTO THE TEMPLE. HE ASKED PETER & JOHN FOR SOME MONEY.

PETER TOLD THE CRIPPLED MAN, "I HAVE NO SILVER OR GOLD, BUT WHAT I DO HAVE I GIVE TO YOU, IN THE NAME OF JESUS, STAND UP AND WALK."

PETER TOOK THE MAN'S RIGHT HAND AND LIFTED HIM UP. IMMEDIATELY HE WAS ABLE TO WALK! THEN HE WALKED INTO THE TEMPLE WITH PETER & JOHN, LEAPING AND PRAISING GOD.

THE PEOPLE IN THE TEMPLE WERE AMAZED THAT THE MAN WAS HEALED. THEY ALL GATHERED TOGETHER TO STARE AT THE MAN AND WATCH PETER & JOHN WITH HIM.

WHEN PETER SAW THE BIG CROWD OF PEOPLE, HE KNEW IT WAS A GOOD TIME TO PREACH. HE EXPLAINED TO THE PEOPLE THAT IT WAS NOT HIS POWER OR JOHN'S POWER THAT HEALED THE MAN, BUT IT WAS THEIR FAITH IN JESUS' POWER THAT MADE THE MAN WELL.

PETER PREACHED TO THE PEOPLE AND TOLD THEM THEY NEEDED TO REPENT OF THEIR SINS AND BE SAVED BY BELIEVING IN JESUS AS THEIR VERY OWN SAVIOUR. PETER WAS PREACHING TO THE JEWISH PEOPLE SO THEY COULD UNDERSTAND HOW TO BE SAVED. BUT THE JEWISH RELIGIOUS LEADERS DID NOT LIKE IT THAT PETER WAS TELLING ABOUT JESUS, BECAUSE MOST OF THE JEWS DID NOT BELIEVE IN JESUS-AND THE RELIGIOUS LEADERS DID NOT WANT THEM TO BELIEVE IN JESUS.

SO THE RELIGIOUS LEADERS PUT PETER AND JOHN IN JAIL FOR THE NIGHT. (MANY OF THE PEOPLE WHO HAD LISTENED TO PETER PREACH GOT SAVED.)

THE NEXT MORNING THE JEWISH LEADERS HAD A MEETING. THEY BROUGHT PETER & JOHN OUT OF JAIL AND BROUGHT THEM TO THE MEETING.

THE LEADERS ASKED PETER & JOHN, "BY WHAT POWER DID YOU DO THIS?"

PETER ANSWERED AND SAID, "BY THE POWER OF JESUS, DID WE HEAL THIS MAN."

THEN PETER PREACHED ABOUT JESUS AGAIN AND TOLD THESE JEWISH LEADERS THAT EVEN THOUGH THEY DID NOT BELIEVE IN JESUS, ^{BELIEVING IN} JESUS IS THE ONLY WAY ANY ONE CAN BE SAVED.

THE JEWISH LEADERS NOTICED HOW BRAVE PETER AND JOHN WERE. THE LEADERS KNEW PETER AND JOHN HAD BEEN WITH JESUS AND LEARNED FROM JESUS BEFORE HE DIED. THE LEADERS COULD TELL THAT PETER & JOHN KNEW JESUS. (BY THE WAY THEY ACTED)

THE LEADERS SENT PETER AND JOHN OUTSIDE AND TRIED TO DECIDE WHAT TO DO TO THEM. THE LEADERS KNEW PETER AND JOHN HAD NOT DONE ANYTHING BAD, BUT THEY DID NOT LIKE PETER & JOHN PREACHING & HELPING SO MANY PEOPLE GET SAVED. THEY DID NOT WANT ANY MORE PEOPLE TO BE SAVED.

SO THEY BROUGHT PETER & JOHN BACK INSIDE AND TOLD THEM NOT TO PREACH OR TEACH ABOUT JESUS ANY MORE.

PETER AND JOHN SAID THEY HAD TO TELL THE THINGS THEY HAD SEEN AND HEARD. THE LEADERS TOLD PETER & JOHN NOT TO PREACH OR TEACH ABOUT JESUS ANYMORE. THEN THEY LET PETER AND JOHN GO.

PETER AND JOHN WENT TO CHURCH AND TOLD THE CHURCH MEMBERS WHAT HAD HAPPENED. PETER & JOHN AND ALL THE CHURCH MEMBERS PRAYED TO GOD

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JESUS AND DOING THE MIRACLES SO
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SAVED