

# Peter

## (Peter Heals the Crippled Beggar)

—16th Story—



103Page



104Page



105Page



106Page



107Page



108Page

One day, Peter and John were going up to the temple at the time of prayer. At the temple gate, they saw a crippled man. He had been crippled from birth and had never been able to walk.

Every day, he would beg from those going into the temple courts.

When he saw Peter and John about to enter the temple courts, he asked them for money.

"Please help."

But neither Peter nor John had any money.

"Look at us!"

The crippled beggar looked up at Peter and John.

Then Peter said:

"Silver or gold I do not have, but what I have I give you."

The crippled beggar held out his hand, expecting to get something from them.

Peter said to the crippled beggar, "In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk!" Taking him by the right hand, Peter helped the crippled beggar up.

Instantly, the crippled beggar's feet and ankles became strong. He jumped to his feet and began to walk. He was so happy: he didn't know what to do. He followed Peter and John into the temple courts, walking and jumping and praising God.

When all the people saw him walking and praising God, they recognised him as the same man who used to sit begging at the temple gate.

"Isn't he the crippled man who used to sit begging at the temple gate?"

"That's right, it is him! I wonder what happened."

All the people whispered in amazement and wonder.

The beggar followed Peter and John, shouting,

"These people healed my legs!"

People gathered to see Peter and John. Peter spoke to the people:  
“Everyone, we did not heal the crippled man. We are the same as all of you. Jesus, the Son of God, has healed this man!”  
Peter encouraged everyone to repent and to believe in God.



109Page

.....  
The priests and the rulers, elders and teachers of the law disliked the fact that Jesus' disciples were preaching to the people. They were greatly disturbed because they were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus and his resurrection. They seized Peter and John and put them in jail.

.....  
The next day, Peter and John were brought before the Sanhedrin. The priests and the rulers, elders and teachers of the law interrogated them.

“By what power or what name do you teach about Jesus?”  
“It is Jesus whom I preach. It is Jesus Christ who has healed this man.”  
Peter spoke courageously.

“You are not to speak of Jesus ever again. If you do not obey us, you will be in big trouble!”

The priests and the rulers, elders and teachers of the law warned them.  
“But we are simply obeying God's Word.”

.....  
Although Peter was not an educated man, by the wisdom of God, he was able to speak logically and calmly before all the people. The priests and the rulers, elders and teachers of the law were astonished. They had nothing more to say to Peter and John.

.....  
All the people who witnessed the healing of the crippled beggar praised God for what had happened. Thereafter, whether he went, Peter preached Jesus' Word.



110Page



111Page