

Biblical Drama based on Acts 3:1-16

Character Parts: Narrators 1-4, Peter, John, Lame Man, Onlooker, Crowd

Narrator 1: After the Day of Pentecost, the apostles began to openly proclaim the good news about Jesus' death and resurrection.

Narrator 2: Late one afternoon, Peter and John were walking to the temple to pray. Others were going there, as well. Among them was a lame man, who was being carried to the temple gate.

Peter: Come on, it is almost the time of prayer.

John: Look, Peter. There's that guy again — sitting in the gate, begging.

Lame Man: Hey! Hey! Brothers, can you spare a shekel?

Peter: *(Turning his pockets inside out)* Sir, we have no gold ...

John: We don't even have any silver, to tell the truth.

Peter: Yes. We have no silver or gold, but we can offer you something much better than money.

Lame Man: Don't tell me you're going to try to sell me something to ride, like a camel. Some fellow tried that last week. That was one old, tired camel. I didn't fall for it.

Peter: We're not selling anything. In fact, we have something to give you, instead.

(Taking the man by the right hand and pulling him to his feet.)

In the name of Jesus Christ, stand and walk!

Lame Man: What? *(getting to his feet)* Hey! Look at me! I'm standing! Wait! I can walk!

Narrator 3: The man was so happy, he began leaping and dancing and praising God.

(The lame man jumps around, shouting.)

Formerly Lame Man: Praise the Lord! Praise Jesus! I'm healed!

Narrator 4: Cured of his disability, the man walked into the temple with Peter and John. A crowd of people immediately flocked around them, staring in shock.

Onlooker: Hey, look over there! *(points at man)*

Crowd: Ooh! Ah! Wow!

Onlooker: Wait a minute. Do we even know that this is the same man?

Peter: You look surprised. Indeed, this is the very same man whom you have seen begging outside, day after day.

Formerly Lame Man: In the hot sun!

Peter: Right. Yet it was not John or I who made this man walk; it was God. In healing him, God has glorified his Son, Jesus. You see, this lame man —

Formerly Lame Man: Um, "formerly lame."

Peter: Right. This formerly lame man was healed not by our power or holiness, but by the name of Jesus Christ.

Onlooker: Who is this Jesus you speak of?

Peter: Jesus Christ, the very same man whom you handed over to Pilate to be killed. God raised him again from the dead. By the name of Jesus alone, this man has been healed and made strong, before your very eyes.

John: Not only can he walk, he can run!

Formerly Lame Man: That's right! Anybody want to race me?

Peter: Ah, it's pretty hot today. Let's just take this walking thing one step at a time.