

PETER AND JOHN HEAL A LAME MAN

Acts, chapter 3



Our story to-day tells of something which happened after Pentecost as Peter and John were going into the Temple. Near the gate of the Temple (that wonderful building made of marble and gold and all precious and beautiful things) was a lame man. Never in all his life had the man been able to walk, so, day after day, he sat there begging; in that land many people are very poor, and there was no work that this poor man could do.

As Peter and John passed the lame man he asked them for some money. Peter and John were very busy men—perhaps there was at that very minute a great crowd waiting to hear them speak in the Temple—but they were followers of Jesus, and Jesus always had time to stop and help anyone in trouble. So they stopped, and Peter said to the lame man: “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.”