

Who Went to Jail?

Narrator: Peter and John walked towards the temple.

Peter: Hey, John, what time is it?

John: Almost three. We must go to the temple to pray.

Narrator: Peter and John walked towards the temple. As they arrived, they saw a lame man sitting next to the gate that was called "Beautiful."

John: Why are you sitting here?

Lame man: I can't walk, I was born like this. I can't work to earn money, so I sit here and ask those who come to the temple to help me. Do you have money to give me?

John: I'm sorry, but I don't have any money. Do you, Peter?

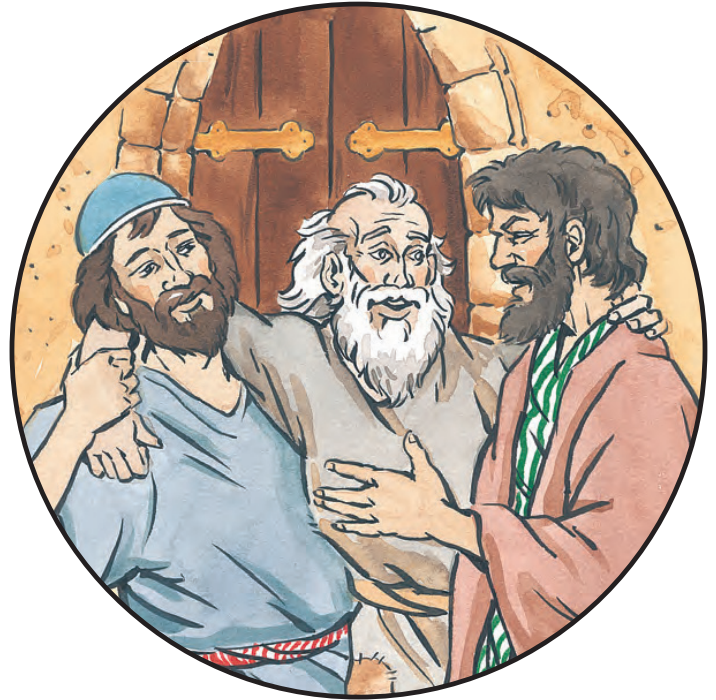
Peter: Silver or gold I don't have, but what I do have I give you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk.

Narrator (with enthusiasm): Then he took him by the right hand and lifted him up. Immediately his feet and ankles straightened. Jumping up, he stood and walked. He went with them into the temple, walking, leaping, and praising God. All the people were astonished at what had happened.

Peter: Israelites, why do you marvel at this? Why do you set your eyes on us, as if by our power we have made him walk?

Narrator: However, not everyone was happy that the lame man was healed. The rulers of the temple were very angry.

Temple leader: What are you doing here? Who gave you permission to teach? We don't like what you say about Jesus. We all know he was



crucified. We don't want you to tell more stories about him being resurrected! Either you stop talking, or we'll put you in jail!

Narrator: Then the soldiers took Peter and John and threw them into prison. But many of those who had heard their message believed, and their number grew to about 5,000 men. The next day, they brought Peter and John to the Council. The man who was healed was standing there too. The priests began to question the apostles.

Temple leader: By what power or in what name have you done this?

Peter: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified and whom God raised from the dead, through him this man stands before you, healed.

Narrator: Then, seeing the courage of Peter and John, they recognized that they had been with Jesus.