

Script – Peter, John and the Lame Man

Friend 1: Well come back to take you home later.

Friend 2: I wish there was something that a cripple man could do to earn a living. It must be hard to sit there every day and beg.

Lame man: [holding out his hands] Help the poor. Give to the poor.

Person 1: [giving a coin] Here you are.

Lame man: Thank you, thank you. [holding out his hands again] Help the poor. Give to the poor.

Person 2: I always give to beggars. They need help.

Person 3: I think God is pleased when we give to the poor.

Person 4: If I ever needed help, I hope God will send someone to give to me.

Lame man: [holding out his hands] Help the poor. Give to the poor.

Person 4: Here's some money for you.

Lame man: Thank you.

Person 5: Here is some money. Everyone can see how generous I am in giving to this poor beggar. Not many people give as much to the poor as I do.

Lame man: [to himself] My back hurts and I'm so tired. Why can't I have strong legs like other people? Then I could work and not have to sit here near the temple and beg. [pause] Here comes some more people. It must be near 3 o'clock, near prayer time. I wish I could walk into the temple with the others. [pause, then holding out his hands] Help the poor. Give to the poor.

Peter and John: Look on us!

Lame man: [holding out his hands] Help the poor. Give to the poor.

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

Lame man: [sadly] You can see that I'm a cripple. I've never walked in my life.

Peter: I will help you stand.

[John reaching down to help the man up]

Lame man: [excited] I can do it! I can stand. My feet, my legs, they are strong! [jumping up and down, a bit shaky at first.] Look! [shouting] Look! I'm standing for the first time in my life. I can walk, I can walk! Look at me! My friends won't have to carry me anymore. I won't have to beg anymore. I can do work like other people. Oh, Thank God, I can walk.

Peter: Come into the temple with us.

Lame man: Now at last I can go into the temple as other people do. Thank God I can walk. I can go into God's house. Thank God for my strong legs.

Person 1: [pointing] Look at that man. Why is he jumping and leaping and so excited?

Person 2: It looks like that beggar that sits on a mat outside the gate.

Person 3: [unsure] I can't be. That beggar is crippled. He can't walk much less run and jump.

Person 4: [skeptical] This can't be the beggar. His friends carried him each day and laid him by the gate. He has been there begging for years. He is crippled. He cannot walk.

Person 1: [excited] Look at the beggar. He is walking!

Person 2: [excited] It is the beggar!

Person 3: [excited] Come see the crippled beggar. He is walking.

Person 4: But who has made him well? This is a great miracle.

Peter: [strongly] God's power has made this man well. God sent His Son Jesus to do something for you too. He will forgive your sins and wants you to love Him and your neighbor. Obey God and forgive one another.

The End