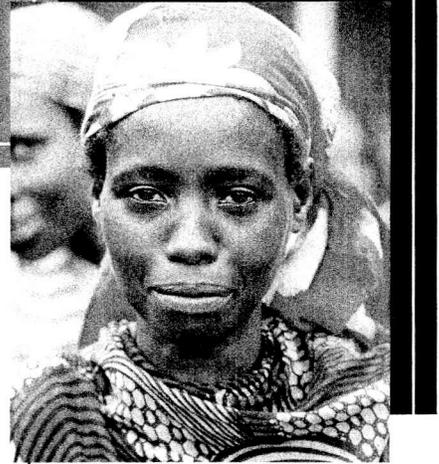


LESSON 5



Chapter 3:12-21

Peter and John healed a man who had been crippled all his life. A crowd gathered to see the man walk and jump. Peter tells the people how he was able to heal this crippled man.

¹²When Peter saw this, he said to the people, “My Jewish brothers, why are you surprised at this? You are looking at us like it was our power that made this man walk. Do you think this was done because we are good? ¹³No, God did it! He is the God of *Abraham*, the God of *Isaac*, and the God of *Jacob*. He is the God of all our *fathers*. He gave *glory* to Jesus, his special servant. But you gave him to be killed. Pilate decided to let him go free. But you told Pilate you did not want him. ¹⁴Jesus was *holy* and good, but you said you did not want him. You told Pilate to give you a *murderer* instead of Jesus. ¹⁵And so you killed the one who gives life! But God raised him from death. We are witnesses of this – we saw it with our own eyes.

¹⁶“This crippled man was healed because we trusted in Jesus. It was Jesus’ power that made him well. You can see this man, and you know him. He was made completely well because of faith in Jesus. You all saw it happen!

¹⁷“My brothers, I know that what you did to Jesus was done because you did not understand what you were doing. And your leaders did not understand any more than you did. ¹⁸But God said these things would happen. Through the *prophets* he said that his Christ would suffer and die. I have told you how God made this happen. ¹⁹So you must change your hearts and lives. Come back to God, and he will forgive your sins. ²⁰Then the Lord will give you times of spiritual rest. He will send you Jesus, the one he chose to be the Christ.

²¹“But Jesus must stay in heaven until the time when all things will be made right again. God told about this time when he spoke long ago through his holy prophets.

NEW WORDS?

murderer

crippled

suffer

LET’S PRACTICE!

Those who saw Christ raised from death with their own eyes were _____. Peter says the Jews did things to Jesus because they did not _____. But God had said that these things would happen. Peter told the people that they must change their _____ and _____. He said, “Come back to God and he will _____ your sins.”