

Peter and John – Bible Story

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The disciples traveled to many places telling others the good news about Jesus' resurrection. They boldly shared the message, "Change your hearts and lives."

At the temple, Peter and John saw a man who had been lame all his life, over forty years. The man asked for money, but instead Peter healed him. The man stood. Then he began to praise God.

Peter and John were talking to a crowd that included priests, guards, and Sadducees about the healing. They became very angry when Peter and John announced that Jesus had risen from the dead. They seized Peter and John and threw them in prison.

The next day some of the highest leaders in Jerusalem asked Peter and John, "By what power or in what name did you heal this man?"

Peter answered, "Were we arrested for doing something good for a sick person? If so, you need to know that this man stands before you because of the name of Jesus Christ, whom God raised from the dead!"

The council leaders were surprised by the confident way Peter and John spoke. And they couldn't answer because the man who had been healed was standing with Peter and John. The council asked each other, "What can we do with these men?"

So the council decided to warn Peter and John to stop teaching about Jesus and healing in his name.

Peter and John responded, "It's up to you to determine whether it's right before God to obey you rather than God. As for us, we can't stop speaking about what we have seen and heard!"

Because of the public support for Peter and John, they couldn't find a way to punish them. Everyone was praising God for what had happened, so the leaders released Peter and John. They continued sharing the good news.

(Based on Acts 4:1-22)

