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The faith of Peter and John

Peter and John were about to go into the temple for afternoon prayer when they saw a man on the steps who had been crippled since he was born. He was begging for money from everyone who entered the temple. He held out his hands to Peter and John and said, "Sirs, a few coins for a poor man."

Peter answered, "Look at us." The man smile, expecting a donation.

"We do not have any money, but we will share with you what we do have." Peter touched the man's hand and said, "In the name of Jesus Christ, stand up and walk."

Immediately the man was able to stand up for the first time in his life. He walked, he jumped, he danced while shouting and praising God. Other men and women in the temple also began to praise God after seeing the miracle. Everyone knew this man had always been crippled.

Peter turned to the people and said, "My brothers and sisters, why are you so surprised? Do you think either Peter or John have the power to heal? The God of our ancestors did this to glorify Jesus. It was our faith in Jesus that healed this man."

While Peter and John were telling the people about Jesus, several priests, political leaders and soldiers came up to them and arrested them for preaching that Jesus had been raised from the dead. Even so, because of their teaching, many people believed and became Christians.

On the following morning the priests summoned Peter and John before them. One priest asked angrily,



Illustration by Kathy Welsh

"By whose authority do you work miracles in the temple?"

Peter stood up and spoke with confidence given to him by the Holy Spirit. "Gentlemen, if you are referring to the crippled man who can now walk, I can only say that the same Jesus who was crucified by you and was brought back to life by God healed this man. He alone can save us from our sins."

The priests could not dispute that the man had been healed, because he was standing next to John. They ordered the three men out of the court chamber and said, "We order you to stop preaching about Jesus."

John answered, "We cannot help but

speaking about the things we have seen with our own eyes."

The priests wanted to throw Peter and John into jail, but they were afraid of what the people would do. Many of the witnesses were still praising God for healing the crippled man.

Peter and John left and joined some of their Christian friends for prayer and fellowship.

Read more about it: Acts 4

Q&A

1: What did Peter give the beggar instead of money?

2: What did the priests order Peter and John to stop doing?

Bible Accent

Simon was one of the original twelve disciples of Jesus. Jesus changed his name to Peter, which means, "rock," because he was to be the rock on which Jesus would build his church. Peter was tall and muscular and was often referred to as "the big fisherman."

Peter was one of Jesus' closest friends, and he was the first to recognize Jesus as the son of God. He was with Jesus at the transfiguration. After the Holy Spirit arrived on the day of Pentecost, Peter spoke to the people who had witnessed the event, and later performed miracles with the other disciples.

He is credited with writing two books of the New Testament. He died a martyr and was awarded sainthood for his remarkable religious life.

St. Catherine of Siena

Saint Catherine of Siena worked for change in the church of fourteenth century Europe. She was also believed by some to be a mystic, because she had many religious visions.

She wrote a book called the "Dialogue," which was based on Jesus' command for Christians to love their neighbors as much as themselves. She spent much of her time taking care of sick or needy people.

Catherine became a member of the Third Order of Saint Dominic when she was sixteen. Her feast day is April 29.

Bible Trivia

What term did the Jews have for people who were not Jewish?

Send answers to: Catholic Courier Bible Trivia, 1150 Buffalo Road, Rochester, N.Y., 14624. Please include our name, address and school name with your entry.

All entries must be received by May 12, 1994. A winner will be selected at random from all the correct entries submitted. The winner will be notified by mail and receive a gift.

Last month's winner was Rachael Fenicchia of St. Helen's School who correctly identified Joseph of Arimathea as the man who buried the body of Jesus.

Fruits of the Holy Spirit

1. vloec	6. oyl
2. eecap	7. pteacine
3. snedniks	8. sosodeng
4. ffssatihunel	9. hyutmiiil
5. fles lortnoc	

According to Galatians chapter 5, there are nine fruits of the Holy Spirit. Unscramble the letters to find out what they are. Answers can be found on page 2.

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