



# **Peter and the Lame Man**

**Acts 2:1-8; 12-17; 21; 36-39**

**“Dr. Sominex,” Commander Cosmos called from outside of the Research Lab. Small sensors inside the door noticed his presence and activated opening the door. Using the wall for support, he limped into the room. “Dr. Sominex! Dr. Sominex!” he called louder to the gray-haired woman in a lab coat asleep at his desk. The woman bolted upright and looked around.**

**“Oh! Commander Cosmos!” Dr. Sominex jumped to attention and saluted.**

**“Ow, ouch, ooh, ah!” Commander Cosmos yelped, as he tried to walk. “I think I broke my leg! Do something...quick!” Unable to go any further, he sat down on the floor.**

**Dr. Sominex looked around. “What do you want me to do?”**

**“I don’t know! You’re the doctor!” Commander Cosmos yelled.**

**Dr. Sominex pointed at the soil samples and star charts littering the room. “I’m not that kind of doctor!”**

**“Well, help me up!” Commander Cosmos demanded.**

**Dr. Sominex put her arms under Commander Cosmos’ armpits and got ready to lift him up. “Okay, on the count of three. One, two ...”**

**Commander Cosmos waited for “three” then turned around to see Dr. Sominex’s head flopped down on her shoulder. The scientist let out a big snore. “Dr. Sominex! Are you sleeping? Dr. Sominex!”**

**Dr. Sominex’s head popped up. “The galaxy has an infinite number of stars!” She lifted her hand to emphasize the point and dropped Commander Cosmos.**

**“Oww!” Commander Cosmos cried out. “I’m seeing stars! You dropped me!”**

**Dr. Sominex grabbed Commander Cosmos’ leg and pulled. “Sorry! Let me help you over to the chair.”**

**“Not that leg!” Commander Cosmos yelled. “That’s the sore one!”**

**“Sorry!” Dr. Sominex apologized. “What can I do for you?”**

**"Heal me!" he demanded.**

**"Only Jesus can heal," Dr. Sominex replied.**

**"That's right. But, Jesus doesn't have to be there in person to heal you ..."** Commander Cosmos said. **"He works through the faith of those who believe in His name."**

**"No!" Dr. Sominex said in disbelief.**

**"He does! I can prove it. Get out the Bible and I'll show you,"** Commander Cosmos said.

**"I'll get it out, right now!"** Dr. Sominex stepped toward the box where she kept her Bible, then slumped, fast asleep, over a work bench.

**"Dr. Sominex? Dr. Sominex!"** Commander Cosmos called out.

**She woke with a start and announced, "Oxygen was discovered by Joseph Priestly in 1774!"**

**Commander Cosmos just shook his head. "That's interesting," he said flatly. "Could I see the Bible?"**

**Dr. Sominex opened the clear plastic box and removed the Bible. Commander Cosmos took the Bible and opened it to Acts, chapters 3 and 4. "One day Peter and John were on their way to the temple to pray when they met a man who could not walk, begging for money."**

**"Did they give him any money?"** Dr. Sominex asked.

**"Nope!"** Commander Cosmos replied.

**"But, the poor guy couldn't walk,"** Dr. Sominex noted. **"Why didn't they help him?"**

**"Oh, they helped him. They gave him something better,"** Commander Cosmos answered. **"In fact, Peter said, 'Silver or gold I do not have, but what I have I give you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk.'"**

**"Well, did the man walk?"** Dr. Sominex asked.

**Commander Cosmos nodded. "Oh, he walked, jumped, and he praised God!"**

**"No!"** Dr. Sominex exclaimed.

**"Yes!"** Commander Cosmos assured.

**"That was so nice of Peter and John to heal that guy,"** Dr. Sominex said.

**"They didn't do it,"** Commander Cosmos corrected.

**Dr. Sominex looked confused. "You just told me they did."**

**"They did the act of healing, but even Peter knew it wasn't their power that made the man walk." Commander Cosmos pointed to the computer. "Access the Virtual Bible and we can read what Peter told the people."**

**Dr. Sominex tapped several keys and the Bible verses appeared on the screen. Commander Cosmos read the words aloud, "By faith in the name of Jesus, this man whom you see and know was made strong. It is Jesus' name and the faith that comes through Him that has given this complete healing to him, as you can all see."**

**Dr. Sominex turned around and looked at Commander Cosmos. "They should have told everyone about the power that comes in Jesus' name."**

**"They did!" Commander Cosmos said. "They told the whole town that Jesus is the Lord who died to take their sins away!"**

**"Did the town treat them like heroes?" Dr. Sominex asked.**

**Commander Cosmos winced as a pain shot up through his injured leg. "Nope, they threw them in jail."**

**"What? That's terrible!" Dr. Sominex exclaimed.**

**"I know!" Commander Cosmos agreed. "They were the first believers to be arrested for sharing their faith."**

**"That's a horrible thing!" Dr. Sominex exclaimed.**

**"Well, it might have been, but God can even turn bad things into good!" Commander Cosmos explained. "Being arrested gave them the chance to tell all of the elders and priests and leaders that Jesus is Lord!"**

**Dr. Sominex smiled. "Wow! Back in those days God did some awesome miracles!"**

**"What do you mean 'back in those days?' We still have the Holy Spirit alive in us today!" Commander Cosmos assured.**

**"So, we can do miracles in Jesus' name?" Dr. Sominex asked.**

**"No," Commander Cosmos shook his head. "Jesus does the miracles when we call on His name. After all ... Jesus is the same yesterday, today, and forever!" He winced again and looked down at this injured leg. "We'd better teleport down to Sick Bay and get this leg checked out."**

**Dr. Sominex helped Commander Cosmos stand up and limp to the teleport. "And we can pray for your healing!"**

**"Good idea!" Commander Cosmos agreed.**