

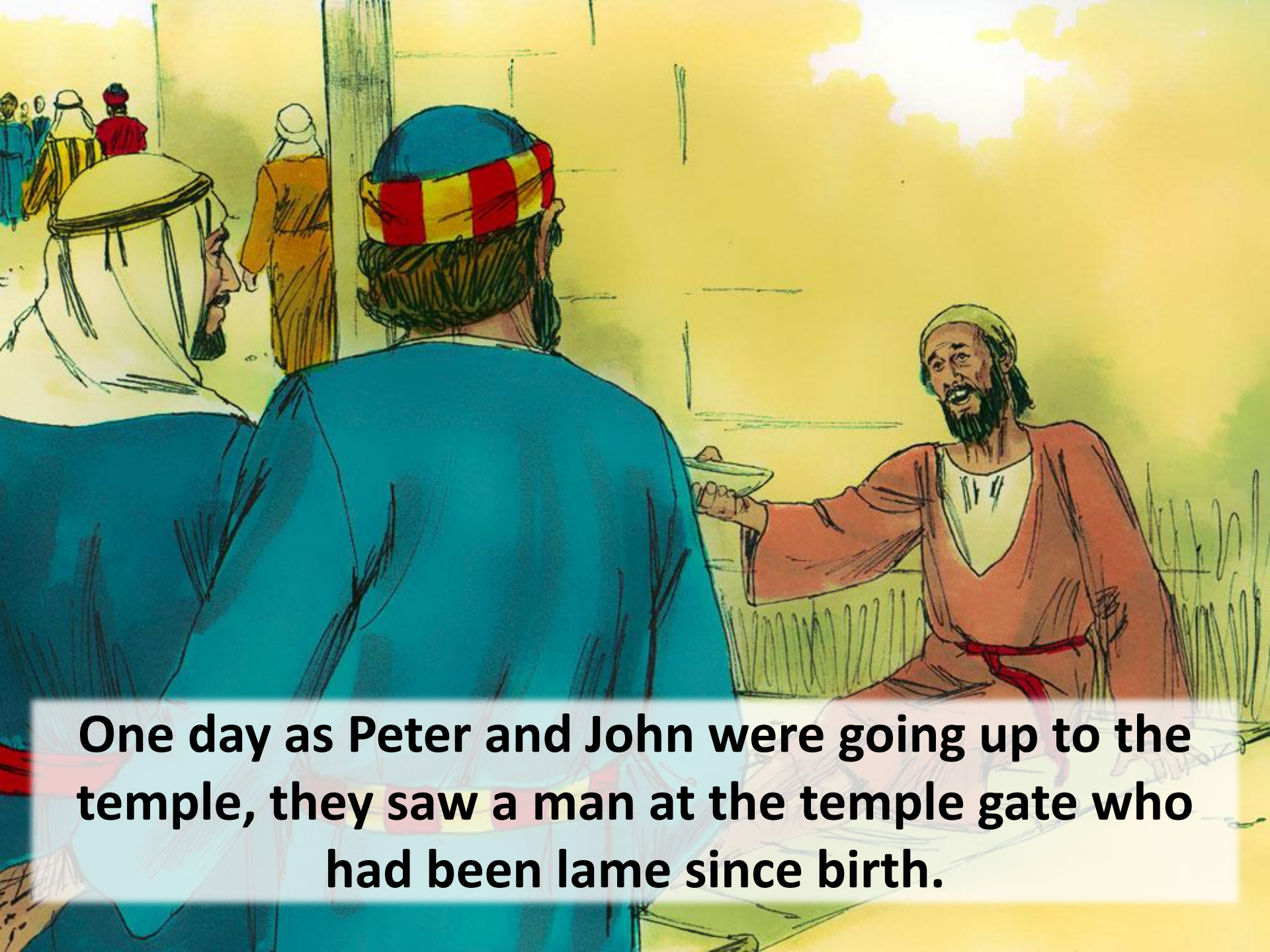
CELEBRATE GOD

WORSHIP IS A CELEBRATION

The Lame Beggar is Healed (*Acts 3:1-10*)

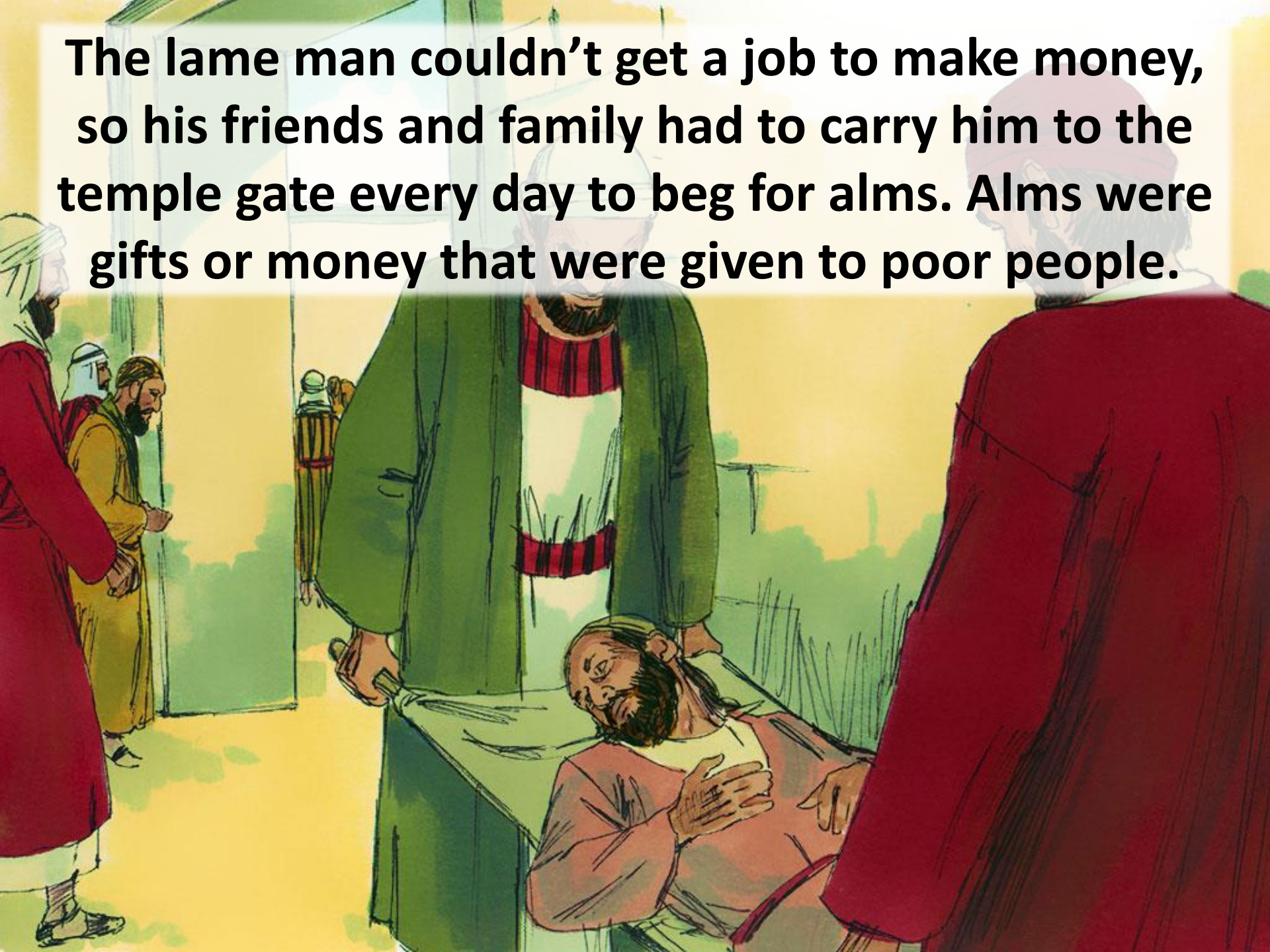
“Then Peter took him by the right hand and helped him up. At once the man’s feet and ankles became strong. He jumped to his feet and began to walk. He went with Peter and John into the temple courtyards. He walked and jumped and praised God.”

Acts 3:7-8 (NIRV)



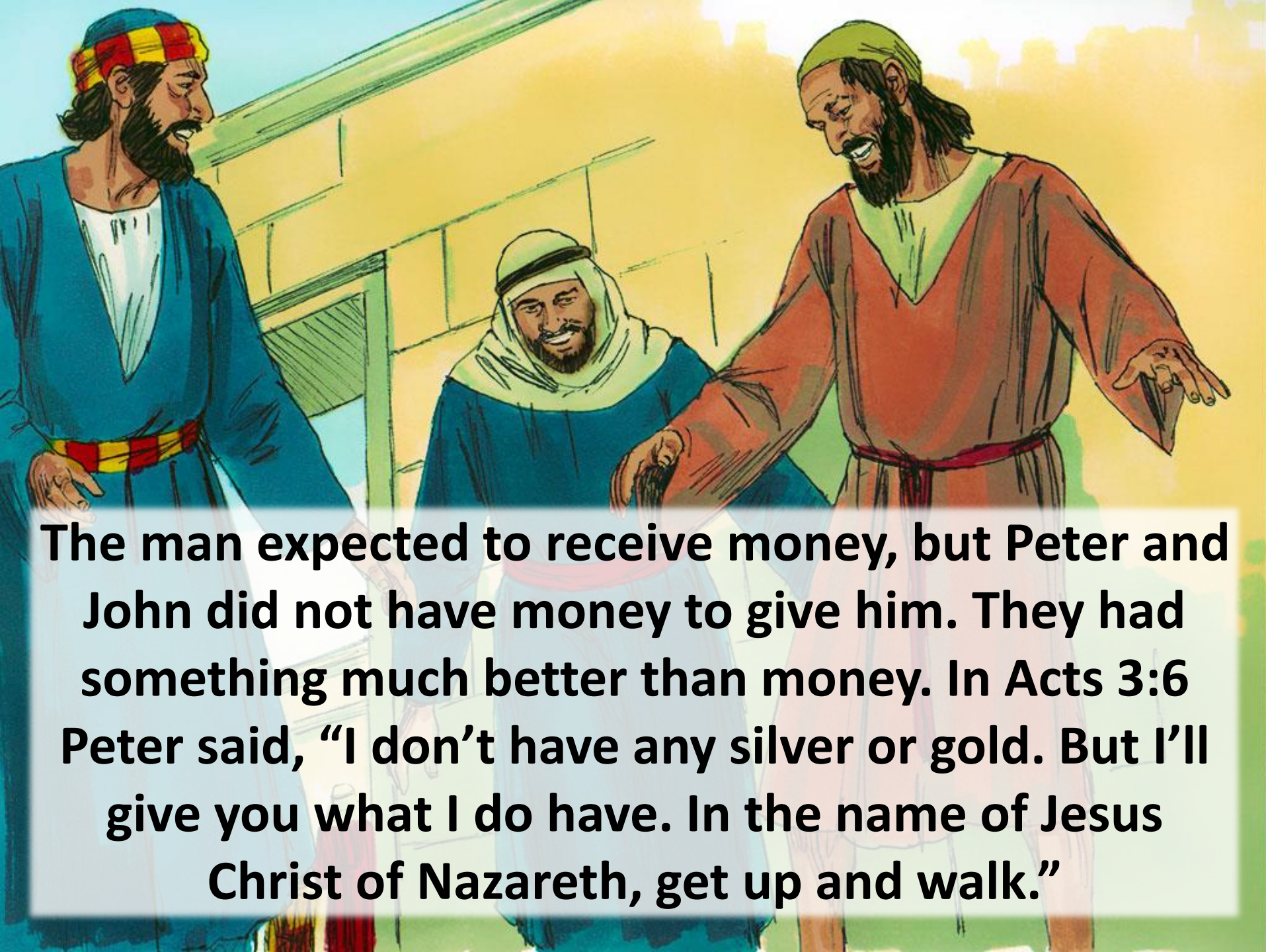
One day as Peter and John were going up to the temple, they saw a man at the temple gate who had been lame since birth.

The lame man couldn't get a job to make money, so his friends and family had to carry him to the temple gate every day to beg for alms. Alms were gifts or money that were given to poor people.

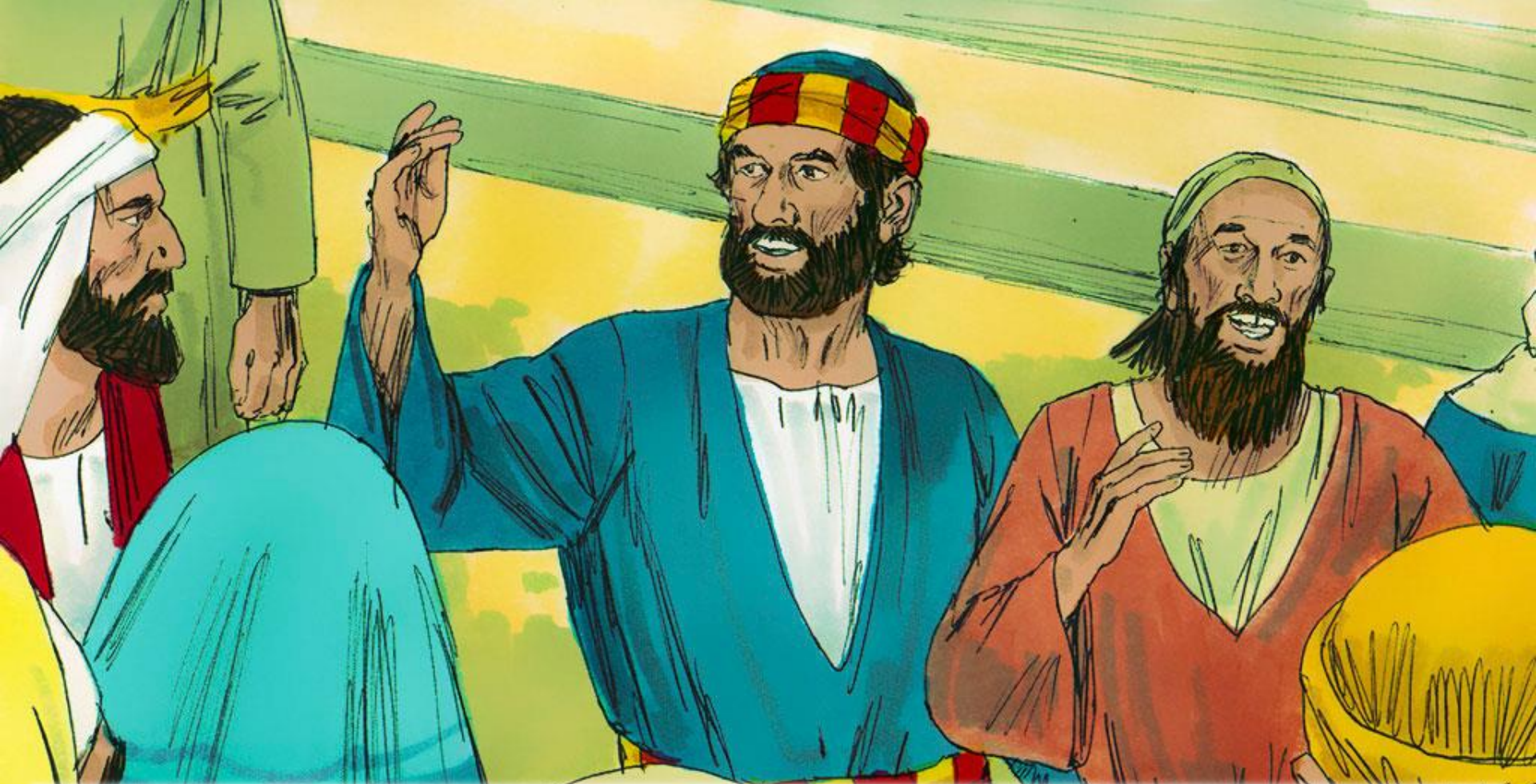




Peter and John looked the lame man straight in the eye. This may have been the only time someone passing by looked at the man eye to eye.



The man expected to receive money, but Peter and John did not have money to give him. They had something much better than money. In Acts 3:6 Peter said, “I don’t have any silver or gold. But I’ll give you what I do have. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, get up and walk.”



Because of the Holy Spirit, Peter and John had the healing power of Jesus flowing through them. Peter took the lame man by the hand and immediately the man leaped up, stood and walked!

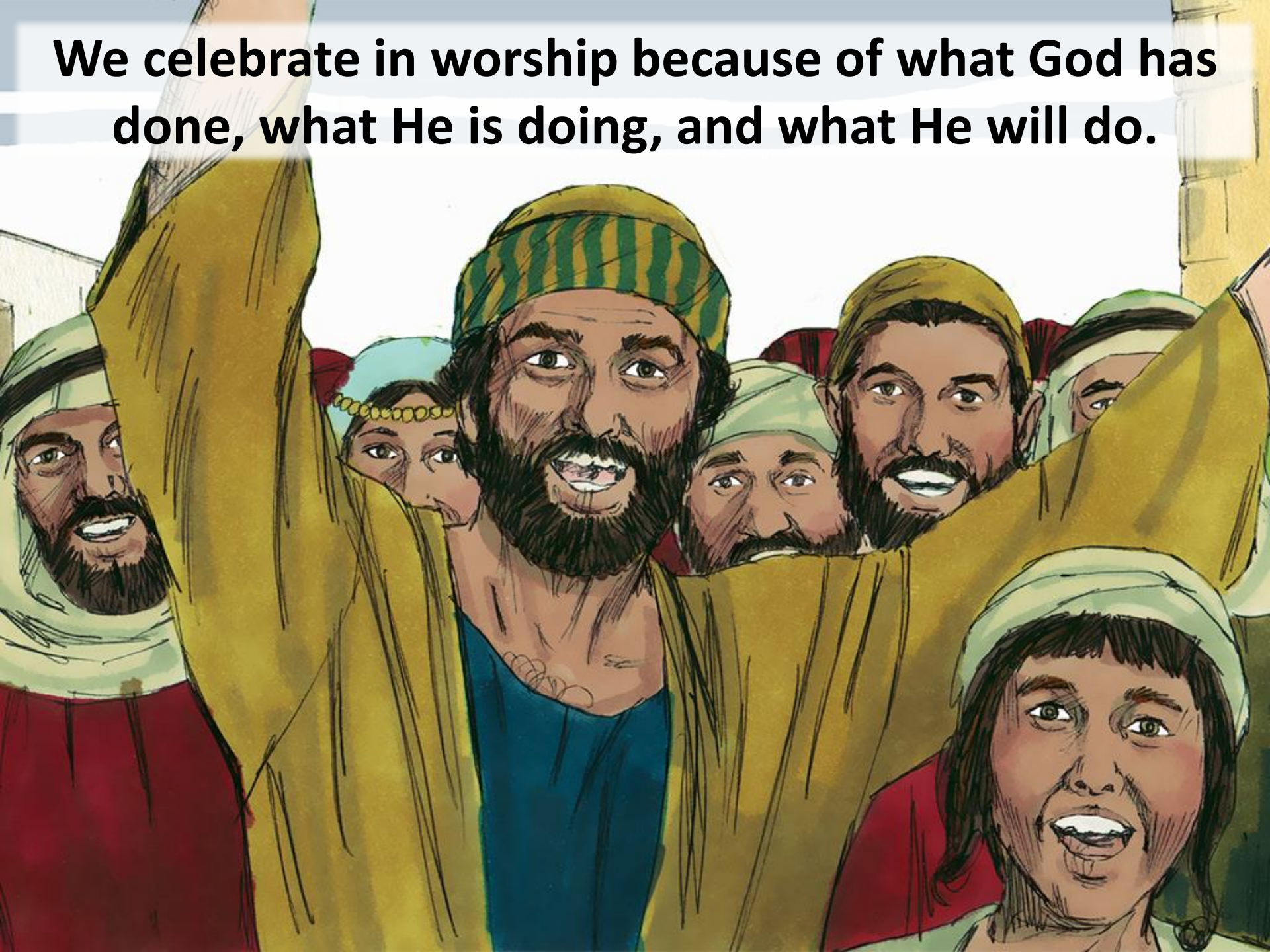


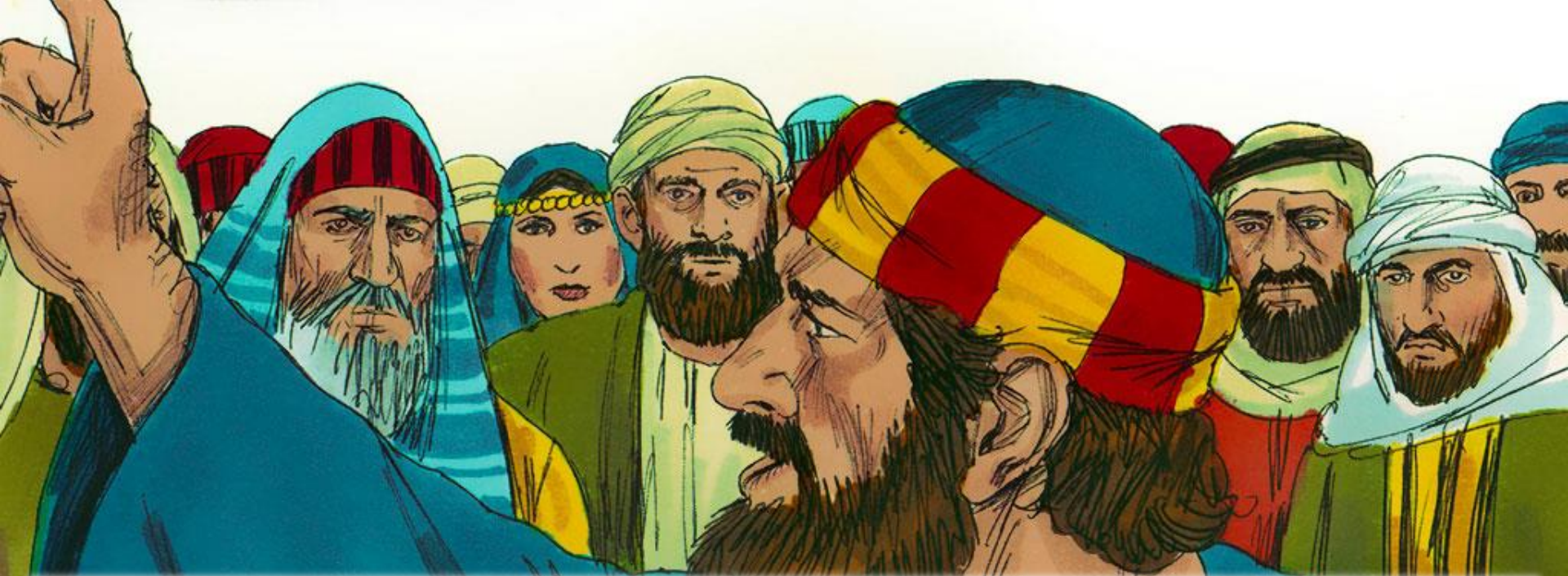
The Bible says the man entered the temple with Peter and John. But he was not just walking, he was “leaping and praising God”.



“All the people saw him walking and praising God. They recognized him as the same man who used to sit and beg at the temple gate called Beautiful. They were filled with wonder. They were amazed at what had happened to him.” *Acts 3:9-10, NIRV*

We celebrate in worship because of what God has done, what He is doing, and what He will do.

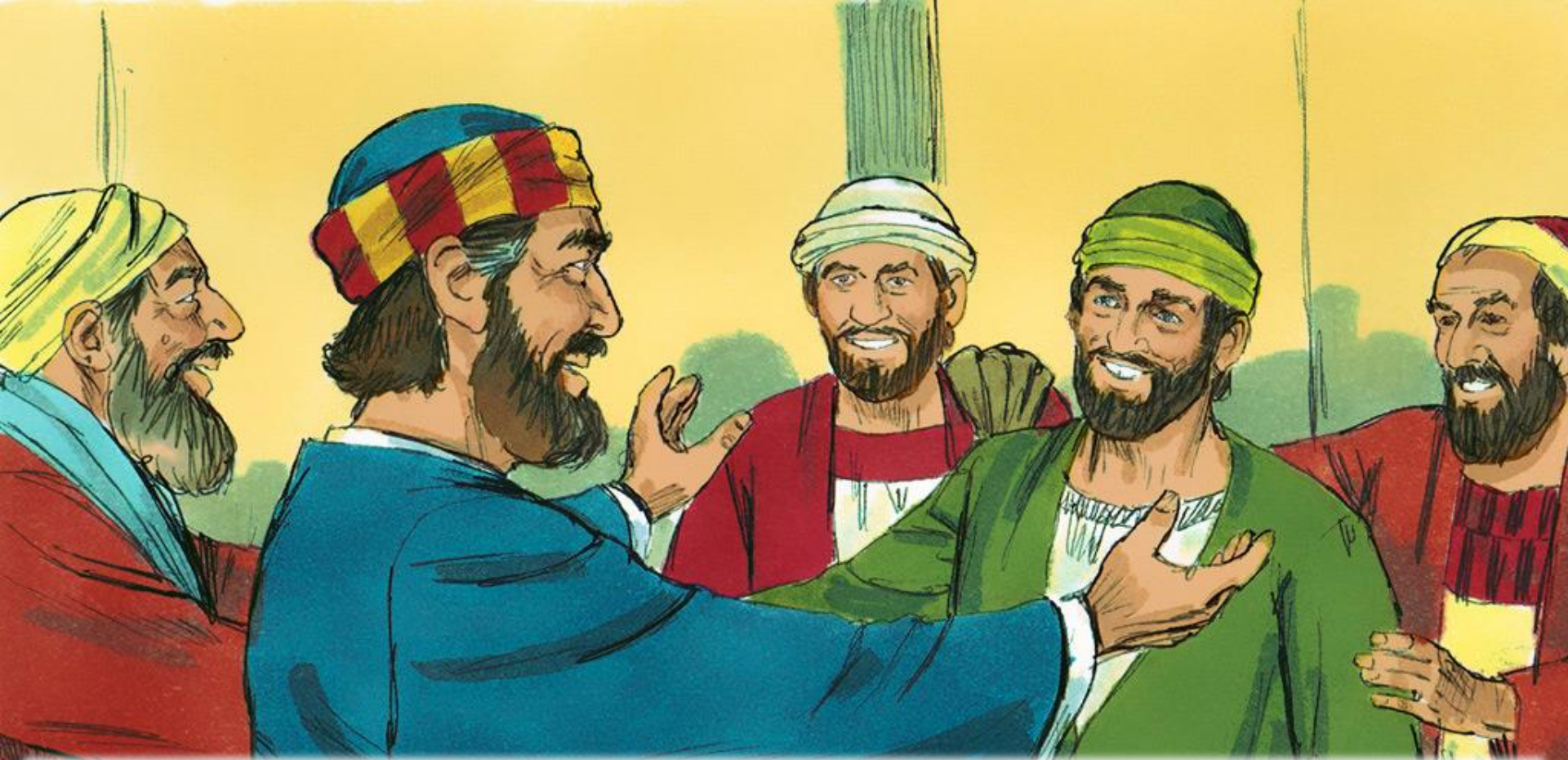




We celebrate because of where we were yesterday.

Colossians 1:13; “He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of His beloved Son.”

We are eternally thankful for God’s grace in our lives.



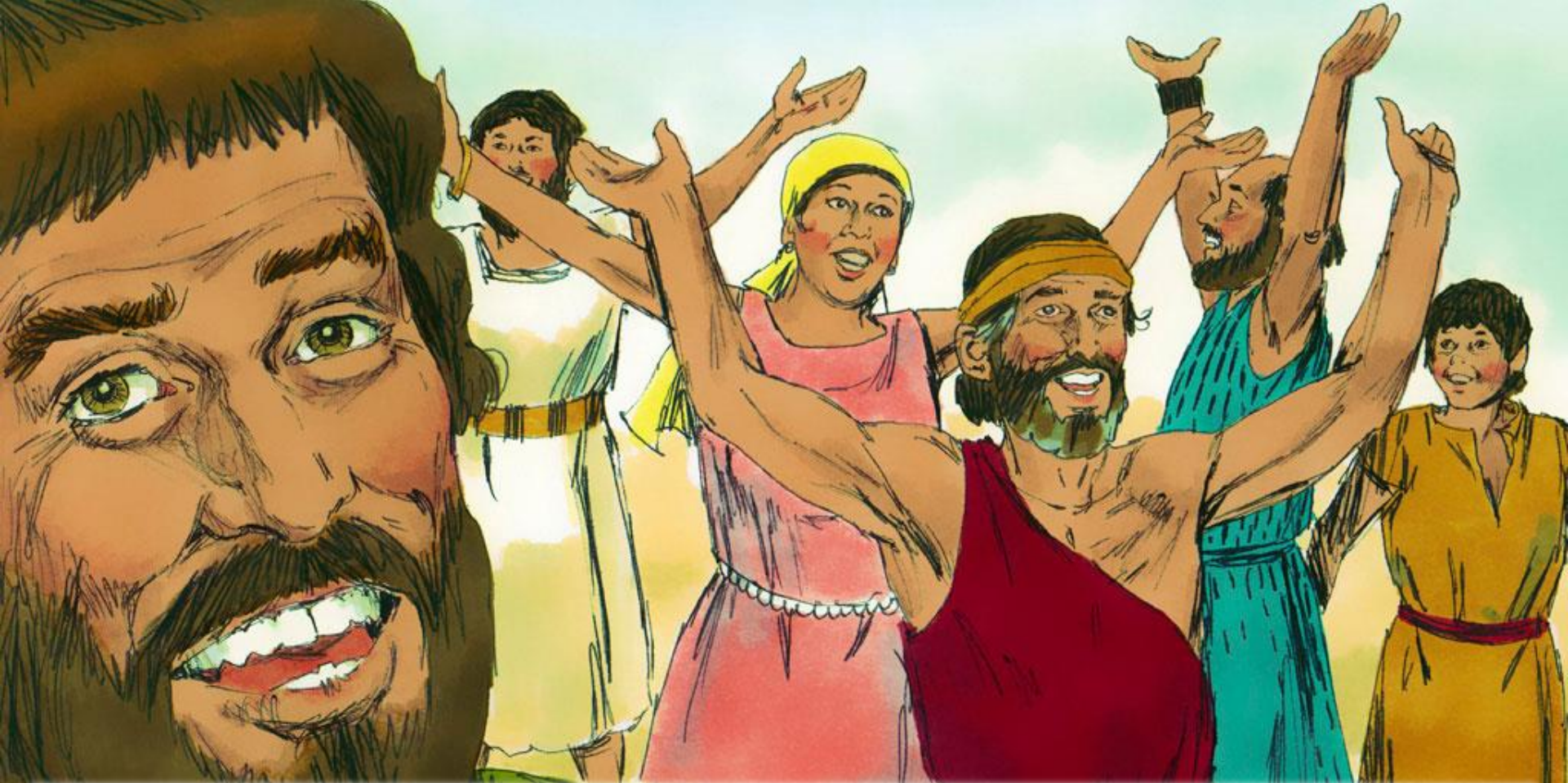
We celebrate because of where we are today.

We have God's Spirit within us, and we have His Word, the Bible. No matter what happens, we are richly blessed.

A religious illustration of Jesus with long brown hair and a beard, wearing a yellow robe with a sash. He has his arms outstretched in a gesture of blessing or welcome. He is surrounded by a crowd of people, some of whom are visible in the foreground, looking up at him. The background is a light blue sky with stylized, swirling white clouds. The overall style is that of a religious poster or a children's book illustration.

We celebrate because of where we will be tomorrow.

John 14:2-3; "In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also."



**We will live joyfully forever in the presence of God.
What Good News!**

**We have many reasons to celebrate and worship
God!**



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