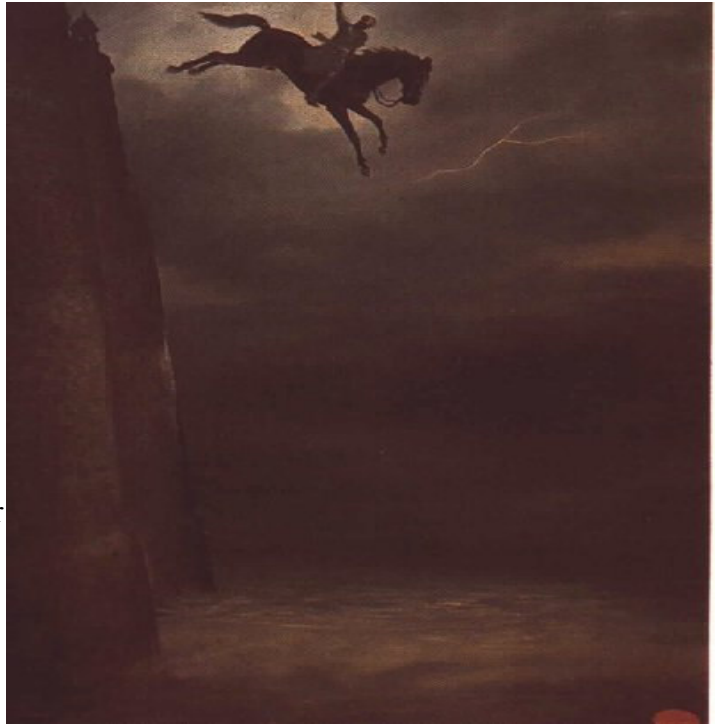


### Bhāi Bidhī Cand (ਭਾਈ ਬਿਧੀ ਚੰਦ)

When the name Bidhī Cand comes to mind, we associate it with a warrior during the times of Gurū Hargobind; though he was a great warrior, he was also a great religious person. He was born in the village Sursingh (ਸੁਰਸਿੰਘ) which is south of Amritsar. While Bidhī Cand was young, he got mixed up with a bad crowd and became a bandit. He came into the company of Bhāi Adah who led Bidhī Cand to Gurū Arjan's darbār (ਦਰਬਾਰ). Bidhī Cand was changed instantly; he had no desire to return to his previous life of living like an outlaw. He wanted to dedicate the rest of his life to the service of the Gurū. In 1606 Gurū Arjan was taken to Lahaur (ਲਾਹੌਰ) to be martyred; Bidhī Cand was one of the five Sikhs that accompanied him. Then, Gurū Hargobind chose him to be a commander of his armed forces. Bhāi Bidhī Cand worked hard.



Bhāi Bidhi is also known for his brave recovery of Dilbāg (ਦਿਲਬਾਗ) and Gulbāg (ਗੁਲਬਾਗ). These were two horses that were being brought from Kābul (ਕਾਬੁਲ) as an offering for Gurū Hargobind. However, they were seized by Mughals and taken to the governor of Lahaur. Bidhī Cand disguised himself as a hay-seller and then as an astrologer in order to rescue these horses and take them back to the Gurū.

Bhāi Bidhī Cand spent his entire life in the service of the Gurū. Though he was a great warrior and commander in the Sikh forces, Gurū Hargobind sent him out to the eastern provinces to spread the message of Sikhī (ਸਿਖੀ); he spent the rest of his life doing this.