

JESUS HEALS ON THE SABBATH  
JOHN 5:1-14

PLEASE OPEN YOUR BIBLES TO THE GOSPEL OF JOHN CHAPTER 5. IN THE LAST COUPLE OF WEEKS, WE HAVE SEEN SO FAR IN THIS GOSPEL IS THAT JESUS IS WILLING TO CROSS AND BREAK DOWN CULTURAL DIVISION OF ALL KINDS. THE GOOD NEWS OF SALVATION IS AVAILABLE TO EVERY HUMAN BEING. MAN OR WOMAN, JEW OR GENTILE, SLAVE OR FREE. JESUS HAS COME TO SAVE THE SINNER FROM ETERNAL HELL. THE APOSTLE JOHN IS VERY METHODICAL IN HIS DOCUMENTATION OF THE LIFE OF CHRIST. EVERY DOCUMENTED EVENT POINTS TO THE DIETY OF JESUS CHRIST AND THE BELIEF ONE CARRIES WHEN THEY ARE FOUND IN HIM. WE HAVE AND WILL SEE THE EVIDENCE OF UNBELIEF AND SHALLOW BELIEF IN CHRIST. WHAT A SAD DAY IT WOULD BE TO HEAR THE WORDS "DEPART FROM ME, I NEVER KNEW YOU". TODAY WE WILL SEE THAT OUR LORD CAN AND WILL HEAL WHOMEVER HE WANTS, WHENEVER HE WANTS, HOW EVER HE WANTS. TODAY WE WILL SEE THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN SELF RIGHTEOUS LEGALISTIC RELIGION AND SAVING FAITH IN CHRIST. JESUS WILL HEAL A MAN ON THE SACRED DAY OF THE SABBATH. PROVING HE IS THE LORD OF THE SABBATH AND THE MONOGENES (ONE AND ONLY SON OF GOD).

John 5:1-14 NIV

**5** Some time later, Jesus went up to Jerusalem for one of the Jewish festivals. <sup>2</sup> Now there is in Jerusalem near the Sheep Gate a pool, which in Aramaic is called Bethesda and which is

surrounded by five covered colonnades. <sup>3</sup> Here a great number of disabled people used to lie—the blind, the lame, the paralyzed. <sup>[4]</sup> <sup>5</sup> One who was there had been an invalid for thirty-eight years. <sup>6</sup> When Jesus saw him lying there and learned that he had been in this condition for a long time, he asked him, “Do you want to get well?”

<sup>7</sup> “Sir,” the invalid replied, “I have no one to help me into the pool when the water is stirred. While I am trying to get in, someone else goes down ahead of me.”

<sup>8</sup> Then Jesus said to him, “Get up! Pick up your mat and walk.” <sup>9</sup> At once the man was cured; he picked up his mat and walked. The day on which this took place was a Sabbath, <sup>10</sup> and so the Jewish leaders said to the man who had been healed, “It is the Sabbath; the law forbids you to carry your mat.”

<sup>11</sup> But he replied, “The man who made me well said to me, ‘Pick up your mat and walk.’ ” <sup>12</sup> So they asked him, “Who is this fellow who told you to pick it up and walk?”

<sup>13</sup> The man who was healed had no idea who it was, for Jesus had slipped away into the crowd that was there.

<sup>14</sup> Later Jesus found him at the temple and said to him, “See, you are well again. Stop sinning or something worse may happen to you.”

## LET’S GET STARTED

John 5:1 NIV

**5** Sometime later, Jesus went up to Jerusalem for one of the Jewish festivals.

WE ARE NOT SURE HOW MUCH TIME HAS ELAPSED BUT THIS IS JESUS' SECOND TRIP TO JERUSALEM. WE ARE ALSO NOT SURE WHICH FESTIVAL HE IS ATTENDING. JESUS NEVER BREAKS THE LAW OF GOD, HE FULLFILLS IT. THERE WERE THREE FEASTS OF OBLIGATION: FEAST OF TABERNACLES, PASSOVER, OR PENTECOST. EVERY MALE JEW WHO LIVED WITHIN 20 MILES OF JERUSALEM WAS REQUIRED BY LAW TO ATTEND

John 5:2-3 NIV

<sup>2</sup> Now there is in Jerusalem near the Sheep Gate a pool, which in Aramaic is called Bethesda and which is surrounded by five covered colonnades. <sup>3</sup> Here a great number of disabled people used to lie—the blind, the lame, the paralyzed.

\*SHOW SLIDES\*

BETHESDA / HOUSE OF MERCY / JERUSALEM HOSPITAL  
ADJACENT TO THE CHURCH OF ST. ANNE IN JERUSALEM  
NORTHEAST OF THE TEMPLE. THE POOL OF ISRAEL AND THE  
POOL OF BETHESDA WERE THE SIZE OF FOOTBALL FIELDS AND  
20 FT. DEEP. THE COVERED COLONNADES KEPT THE AFFLICTED  
OUT OF THE BLISTERING SUN

THE BLIND, THE LAME, AND THE PARALYZED IS A DESCRIPTION  
OF THOSE WHO LAY BY THE POOL BUT ALSO OF THE STATE OF  
THE ENTIRE JEWISH NATION AND MANKIND IN GENERAL.

THESE PEOPLE WERE NOT ALLOWED IN THE TEMPLE BECAUSE  
THEY WERE "UNCLEAN"

VERSE 4 IS NOT FOUND IN THE NIV BIBLE BECAUSE IT WAS ADDED BY LATER MANUSCRIPTS

*<sup>4</sup> From time to time an angel of the Lord would come down and stir up the waters. The first one into the pool after each such disturbance would be cured of whatever disease they had.*

THIS WAS A SUPERSTITION PEOPLE BELIEVED. THERE MAY HAVE BEEN SOME HEALING VIRTUES IN THE WATER BUT THERE IS NO SOLID EVIDENCE THAT ANYONE WAS ACTUALLY HEALED. THE BUBBLING WAS PROBABLY FROM AN UNDERGROUND NATURAL GEYSER

John 5:5-6 NIV

<sup>5</sup> One who was there had been an invalid for thirty-eight years. <sup>6</sup> When Jesus saw him lying there and learned that he had been in this condition for a long time, he asked him, “Do you want to get well?”

JESUS DOESN'T GO TO THE PALACE OR THE SYNAGOGUE, HE GOES STRAIGHT TO THE HURTING AND REJECTED

LEARNED/GINOSKO/TO KNOW, RECOGNIZE, UNDERSTAND

THE GREAT PHYSICIAN JEHOVAH RAPHA FIXED HIS EYES ON THIS MAN WITH AN EXTRAORDINARY CASE. 38 YEARS PARALYZED, HELPLESS AND HOPELESS. HE DID NOT SEE JESUS BUT JESUS SAW HIM. HE WAS NOT SEEKING JESUS BUT JESUS

WAS SEEKING HIM. SOUND FAMILIAR? JESUS DID NOT HEAL EVERYONE AT THAT POOL. ONE SPECIFICALLY

“DO YOU WANT TO GET WELL?” THIS IS A QUESTION THAT KEEPS ON ASKING TO THIS VERY DAY. THIS QUESTION IS SO MUCH DEEPER THAN JUST PHYSICAL HEALING

WELL/HYGIES/HEALTHY, SOUND

John 5:7 NIV

<sup>7</sup> “Sir,” the invalid replied, “I have no one to help me into the pool when the water is stirred. While I am trying to get in, someone else goes down ahead of me.”

SIR, NO ONE WILL HELP ME GET WELL. EVERYTIME, I TRY AND I FAIL. IT’S IMPOSSIBLE, I’VE BEEN TRYING FOREVER  
SOUND FAMILIAR? I WANT YOU TO THINK OF ANYTHING THAT HAS PARALYZED YOU SPIRITUALLY, MENTALLY, EMOTIONALLY OR RELATIONALLY

John 5:8 NIV

<sup>8</sup> Then Jesus said to him, “Get up! Pick up your mat and walk.”

JESUS BYPASSES EXUSES AND GOES RIGHT FOR THE ANSWER HE DOESN’T ASK HIM TO HAVE FAITH FIRST. HE COMMANDS HIM BY THE POWER OF HIS WORD “GET UP!”  
“CARRY YOUR BURDEN AND WALK!”

LOOK INTO THE FACE OF JESUS, BY HIS MIGHTY WORD GET UP AND WALK. YOU CAN CARRY YOUR AFFLICTION BY THE POWER OF GOD AND MOVE FORWARD IN CHRIST

JESUS WAS FULFILLING PROPHECY

Isaiah 35:3-6 NIV

<sup>3</sup> Strengthen the feeble hands,  
steady the knees that give way;

<sup>4</sup> say to those with fearful hearts,  
“Be strong, do not fear;

your God will come,

he will come with vengeance;  
with divine retribution

he will come to save you.”

<sup>5</sup> Then will the eyes of the blind be opened  
and the ears of the deaf unstopped.

<sup>6</sup> Then will the lame leap like a deer,  
and the mute tongue shout for joy.

Water will gush forth in the wilderness  
and streams in the desert.

THE LORD CHOSE TO DELIBERATELY HEAL THIS MAN ON THE SABBATH TO CONFRONT AND BANKRUPT JEWISH LEGALISM. SHOWING MERCY TO THE SINNER WHILE CALLING A NATION TO REPENTANCE

LEGALISM-DEFINITION-THE ESTABLISHMENT OF STANDARDS CAREFULLY SELECTED BY PEOPLE FOR THE PURPOSE OF

## CELEBRATING HUMAN ACHIEVMENT UNDER THE GUISE OF PLEASING GOD

KNOWING GOD IS FAR DIFFERENT THAN WORKING FOR HIM  
John 5:9-10 NIV

<sup>9</sup>At once the man was cured; he picked up his mat and walked. The day on which this took place was a Sabbath, <sup>10</sup>and so the Jewish leaders said to the man who had been healed, “It is the Sabbath; the law forbids you to carry your mat.”

HE OBEYED JESUS EVEN THOUGH HE DID NOT KNOW HIM  
GOD HEALS WHO HE WANTS TO HEAL PHYSICALLY BUT  
SALVATION FOR MANKIND AND GLORY TO HIS NAME IS THE  
ENDGAME

THE RELIGIOUS PHARISEES DID NOT SAY, “PRAISE GOD, YOU’RE WALKING!” JUST, “YOU BROKE THE LAW WE MADE UP”

John 5:11-12 NIV

<sup>11</sup>But he replied, “The man who made me well said to me, ‘Pick up your mat and walk.’”

<sup>12</sup>So they asked him, “Who is this fellow who told you to pick it up and walk?”

AGAIN, WE SEE THE MAN DID NOT KNOW JESUS

THE PHARISEES DID NOT SAY “WHO HEALED YOU?”  
“WHO TOLD YOU TO BREAK OUR LAW”

John 5:13-14 NIV

<sup>13</sup> The man who was healed had no idea who it was, for Jesus had slipped away into the crowd that was there.

<sup>14</sup> Later Jesus found him at the temple and said to him, "See, you are well again. Stop sinning or something worse may happen to you."

JESUS FINDS THE GUY IN THE TEMPLE TO EMPHASIZE THAT THERE IS A HEALING FAR MORE IMPORTANT THAN PHYSICAL HEALING. IT IS SALVATION IN CHRIST

IT IS UNCLEAR WHETHER OR NOT THIS MAN WAS PARALYZED DUE TO SIN. MAYBE, MAYBE NOT. BOTTOM LINE, WHATS WORSE THAN BEING PARALYZED? ETERNITY IN HELL

JESUS WARNS THIS MAN AS HE WARNS US ALL, CHANGE THE DIRECTION OF OUR AFFECTION. HE/WE ARE NOT REQUIRED TO BE PERFECT, BUT SALVATION COMES TO THE ONE WITH A REPENTENT HEART. WE HAVE BEEN SAVED, ARE BEING SAVED, AND WILL BE SAVED

John 5:15 NIV

<sup>15</sup> The man went away and told the Jewish leaders that it was Jesus who had made him well.

NOW HE KNOWS THE NAME OF THE GODMAN WHO HEALED HIM

THIS WAS THE VERY MIRACLE THAT BEGAN THE BALL ROLLING TO CRUCIFY JESUS

