

“Do You Want To Be Healed?”
John 5:1-17

JESUS WHO SEES. v.1-9

1. The pool of Bethesda in Jerusalem. v.1-3

- v.2: “...in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate...”
-near where the sheep were kept, bought & sold for temple sacrifice
- v.2: “...has five roofed colonnades...”
- v.3: a multitude of invalids—blind, lame, and paralyzed.
-Invalid = in-valid; I.e., ‘not valid’

2. Dealing with a textual note – where is verse 4?

- Some manuscripts include verse 4 (included in King James Version, translated in 1611)
-“...waiting for the moving of the water; for an angel of the Lord went down at certain seasons into the pool, and stirred the water: whoever stepped in first after the stirring of the water was healed of whatever disease he had.”
- Likely... what began as a note in the margin of a translator’s copy... worked its way into the text.

3. Encounter with Jesus... v.5-9.

- Jesus found this man out. v.5-6a
- Jesus asked the question: Do you want to be healed? v.6b
- The man’s answer... v.7: “...I have no one...”
- Jesus healed the man. v.8-9
-“...at once...” compared with 38 years

4. Jesus who sees. v.5

- Jesus “saw” him and “knew” the man had been there a long time.
- On the “feast day”... Jesus is here by the ‘service entrance’ to the city with the blind, lame, and paralyzed.
- Jesus came for the blind, lame, and paralyzed. It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. Mk 2:17
- Psalm 22:24: For he has not despised or abhorred the affliction of the afflicted, and he has not hidden his face from him, but has heard, when he cried to him.

JESUS WHO SAVES. v.10-16

1. The religious leaders missed the miracle. v.10

2. The man who was healed didn’t even know who Jesus was! v.11-13

3. Jesus found the man again. v.14-17

- What did Jesus say to him?
- Romans 5:6-10: ⁶ For **while we were still weak**, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷ For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die—
⁸ but God shows his love for us in that **while we were still sinners**, Christ died for us.⁹ Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰ For if **while we were enemies** we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life.