

# John 5

Salvation

## I. Man Healed at the Pool

1 After this there was a feast of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

- **Up to Jerusalem?** Any direction is "up to Jerusalem" Jews concerned
- In this case Jesus travels south again "up to Jerusalem"

2 Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate a pool, which is called in Hebrew, Bethesda, having five porches. 3 In these lay a great multitude of sick people, blind, lame, paralyzed, waiting for the moving of the water.

- **Time of Feasting:**

1. Many people sick not able to go to the Feast
2. Gathered together near a pool and waiting,,,

**....waiting for the moving of the water. Why?**

4 For an angel went down at a certain time into the pool and stirred up the water...

- **NOTE:** Narrator John states that an Angel would visit/stir the water [It is fact]

**4b...**then whoever stepped in first, after the stirring of the water, was made well of whatever disease he had.

- **First one in the water was healed:** Divine musical chairs

5 Now a certain man was there who had an infirmity thirty-eight years.

- **38 long years**

1. Watching others get to the pool
2. Watching others get healed
3. Watching/Waiting/Hoping

**Despair to Hope to Despair...**

6 When Jesus saw him lying there, and knew that he already had been in that condition a long time, He said to him, **"Do you want to be made well?"**

- **Hometown:** Mayberry?
- **Saturated with...**
  1. Porn
  2. Poverty
  3. Meth

4. Demon possessed

**Don't these people know there is an answer?  
Do they know the answer and just choose to live in misery?**

- Jesus draws out faith: Unless you see a sign, I have not come to the "little dogs"

**Do you want to be made well? What?**

7 The sick man answered Him, "Sir, I have no man to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; but while I am coming, another steps down before me."

"The sick man does what we nearly all do. He limits God's help to his own ideas and does not dare promise himself more than he conceives in his mind." [Calvin]

8 Jesus said to him, "**Rise, take up your bed and walk.**" 9 And immediately the man was made well, took up his bed, and walked.

- **Such fast faith:** Had not walked in 38 years but acts upon Jesus' word. No excuses
- **Faith:** Believing what God says and acting on it. Period.

Some people talk the talk but don't walk the walk  
This guy didn't need to talk the talk because he walked the walk

- Believing that what God says is...is.
- If I say cross over you will cross over If I say walk you will walk.

**...immediately the man was made well, took up his bed, and walked**

**9b...And that day was the Sabbath.** 10 The Jews therefore said to him who was cured, "It is the Sabbath; it is not lawful for you to carry your bed."

- **Hypocrisy/Irrationality of legalism:** Our religion states that you need to wait to be healed until "after the Sabbath"

Of all the things in the world that stink in the nostrils of an honest man, hypocrisy is the worst. [Spurgeon]

- **Self-Righteous...**

I never knew of a hypocrite who was afraid that he was one. [Spurgeon]

"The Rabbis of Jesus' day solemnly argued that a man was sinning if he carried a needle in his robe on the Sabbath. They even argued as to whether he could wear his artificial teeth or his wooden leg." [Barclay]

- What about those who carried the sick to the pool previous Sabbaths? Work?
- **Claim to want good for the people:** It is a sin to carry that bed on the Sabbath

11 [Man cured after 38 years] answered them, "He who made me well said to me, '**Take up your bed and walk.**'" 12 Then they asked him, "Who is

the Man who said to you, 'Take up your bed and walk?'" 13 But the one who was healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had withdrawn, a multitude being in that place.

- **More info:**

1. Jesus healed the man then faded into the crowd at the pools
2. He went there for the sake of one individual
3. Man did not even know it was Jesus...yet

#### 14 Afterward Jesus found him in the temple...

- NOTE: Man heads for the temple...not the feast
- Jesus finds him there and **finishes the work...**

14b... [Jesus said to him] "See, you have been made well. Sin no more, lest a worse thing come upon you."

- **Implication:**

1. It was sin that caused his malady
2. If he continues in sin judgment will be both physical and eternal
3. The man is healed...but not saved yet

Jesus in no uncertain terms: **You need to repent**

**Matthew 5:45** [God] makes **His sun** rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust.

**God heals saved/unsaved people because He is good, kind/compassionate but...  
A persons physical healing does not mean they are right with God**

- **Paralyzed man lowered through roof:** Luke 5 and Mark 4
  1. Your sins are forgiven
  2. Get up and walk

More important than ever temporal physical healing is Eternal Spiritual Healing

15 The man departed and **told the Jews** that it was Jesus who had made him well.

- Motive? Not sure
  1. Excited and wanting to share?
  2. Convicted and wanting to condemn? Tattletale?

"The man who had been healed seems to have been an unpleasant creature...as soon as he found out the identity of his Benefactor he betrayed Him to the hostile authorities." [Morris]

**Whatever his motive the result is trouble for Jesus...**

SUMMARY Man Healed at the Pool

## II. Honor the Father and the Son Alike

16 For this reason the Jews persecuted Jesus, and sought to kill Him, because He had done these things on the Sabbath.

- No work on the Sabbath; not even good work
- **Jesus would say:**
  1. Don't priests work in the temple on the Sabbath?
  2. Wouldn't you pull your donkey out of a pit on the Sabbath?
  3. Sabbath is made for man not man for the Sabbath?
  4. Isn't it lawful to do "good" on the Sabbath?
  5. Doesn't God continue to work on the Sabbath?

- **You missed God's intent:** Covenant w/Israel to distinguish them other nations

You've digressed from a relationship with God to the sterile impotent cruel idol of religion  
And God is not cruel...but good

- **Confront Jesus their Creator:**

1. **Sought to kill him:** Not enough room for Religion/Relationship in this town
2. **Reason:** Jesus healed on the Sabbath which they considered work

17 But Jesus answered them, "My Father has been working until now, and I have been working."

### Jesus answer to the religious Jews...

- My father has been working till right this minute

"Though he rested from creating, he never ceased from *preserving* and *governing* that which he had formed [Clarke]

- My Father has been working and **I have been working till right this minute**

**We have both been working; When the Father moves...I move!**

18 Therefore the Jews sought all the more to kill Him, because He not only broke the Sabbath, but also said that God was His Father, making Himself equal with God.

- **Broke** the Sabbath
- **Said** God was His Father

He was claiming that God was His Father in a special sense. He was claiming that He partook of the same nature as His Father. This involved equality. The verbs **broke** and **said** are both in **continuous tenses**; i.e. Jesus **habitually broke** their man-made Sabbath rules and **habitually said** He was equal with God. [Morris]

**Narrator John states that the Jews understood Jesus to be  
"Making Himself equal to God"**

"Behold, the Jews understand what the Arians [JW's] do not understand." [Augustine]

- **Equal in all ways yet submissive to the Father...**

19 Then Jesus answered and said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, but what He sees the Father do; for whatever He does, the Son also does in like manner."

Jesus explained that He, as God the Son, does nothing independently. He was and is fully submitted to the Father's will. This submission comes by choice, not by coercion or by an inferior nature. [Guzik]

- Jesus only does what He sees the Father do in the Spiritual realm
- Possibly an analogy from working as an apprentice to Joseph?
- Whatever [everything] the Father does and is doing the Son does and is doing

**Jesus reveals the Father to us in every way; Words, Actions, Healing, Rebuking**

- **Here:** Rebuking...

20 For the Father loves the Son, and shows Him all things that He Himself does; and He will show Him greater works than these, that you may marvel.

- Father loves the Son shows the Son ALL THINGS that He does
- Jesus reveals the things He sees the Father doing to us!

Three more years of loving, healing, saving, casting out demons and miracles culminating in rising from the dead

21 For **as the Father raises the dead and gives life to them, even so the Son gives life to whom He will.**

- **Jesus has the power to give life...**
  1. Bring a living being into the world
  2. Give Eternal Life
  3. Raise who he wishes from the dead

**John 5:25** [Later in chapter] Most assuredly, I say to you, the hour is coming, and now is, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God; and those who hear will live.

22 For the Father judges no one, but has committed all judgment to the Son

- People will stand before Jesus. God the Son at Judgment
- In Light of this...

23 ...all should honor the Son **just as they honor the Father.** He who does

not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent Him.

**Honor the Son JUST AS you honor the Father. Honor the Son any less than the Father and you dishonor both**

- Not the archangel Michael
- Not the spirit brother of Lucifer
- Not a created being but the Creator of all beings...

### Hebrews 1

**Hebrews 1:2 [Read]** ...in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also **He made the worlds**; 3 who being the **brightness of His glory and the express image of His person**, and **upholding all things** by the word of His power...

**Hebrews 1:6** [Father to Son to be worshiped] "Let all the angels of God **worship Him...**

**Hebrews 1:8** [Father to the Son as Eternal King] "Your throne, O God, is forever and ever; A scepter of righteousness is the scepter of Your kingdom. 9 You have loved righteousness and hated lawlessness; **Therefore God**, Your God, has anointed You...

**Hebrews 1:10** [Father to Son as Creator] "You, Lord, in the beginning laid the foundation of the earth, And the heavens are the work of Your hands. 11 They will perish, but You remain; And they will all grow old like a garment; 12 Like a cloak You will fold them up, And they will be changed. But You are the same, And Your years will not fail."

- Those who do not honor Jesus as God are not saved
- Jesus: "Unless you believe that "I AM He" You will die in your sins"

**In order to go to Heaven we must get Jesus right.  
Honor Him "just as" we honor the Father; i.e. Honor Jesus as God**

- Jesus continues to patiently speak to those who want Him dead

Speaking to the self-proclaimed "good" people  
**Speaking to every religious and self-righteous ever born...**

24 "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who **hears My word and believes in Him** who sent Me **has everlasting life**, and shall **not come into judgment**, but has passed from death into life.

- He who believes the Words I speak from the Father...
  1. **Has** everlasting Life
  2. **Will** not be judged for sin
  3. **Is Moved** from walking dead to Abundant Life

**John 3:32** ...what [Jesus] has seen and heard [in Heaven and of the Father], that He testifies; and no one receives His testimony. 33 He who has **received [Jesus]** testimony has certified that **God is true.**

**If you believe in God you will believe in Jesus  
You cannot believe in the true God and not believe in Jesus**

25 Most assuredly, I say to you, the hour is coming, and now is, when the **dead will hear** the voice of the Son of God; and those who hear will live.

▪ **Dead will hear my voice and come back to life!**

1. **Hour is coming** when the dead will hear: Final Judgment
2. **Hour is now** when dead do hear: Earthly Ministry raising dead...
  - Son of widow
  - Lazarus
  - Son of the widow of Nain
  - Daughter of Jairus

3. **Hour is now when Spirally dead will hear:** Continuing Ministry of the Holy Spirit

**Convicting of the "walking dead" of Sin, Righteousness, Judgment...**

**Hebrews 3:7** ... as the Holy Spirit says: "Today, if you will hear His voice, 8 **Do not harden your hearts** ...

- Hour to be hear Jesus voice and be saved is NOW!

**2 Corinthians 6:2** "In an acceptable time I have heard you, And in the day of salvation I have helped you." Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, **now is the day of salvation.**

**There is not heaven without Jesus...Period!  
All those who believe hear His voice and move from death to life**

26 For as the Father has **life in Himself**, so He has granted the Son to have **life in Himself**

- As the Father is self-sustaining
- So Jesus is self-sustaining

**NOTE: We are nor self-sustaining**

**Acts 17:28** ...in [God] we live and move and have our being

**Hebrews 1:3** [Jesus is the] brightness of [the Father's] glory and the express image of His person, and uphold[s] all things by the **word of His power**

**Colossians 1:17** ...in [Jesus] all things consist

- **Jesus has life "in Himself"**

27 [The Father has...] given Him authority to execute judgment also, **because** He is the Son of Man.

- Jesus has authority to execute judgment and punishment/forgiveness and mercy
- **Because He is the Son of Man:**
  1. Because He became a man
  2. Because He lived as a man
  3. Because He knows what is in man
  4. Because He can mediate for both God and man...

**...Jesus has the authority to Judge man**

**No one can say Jesus does not know what I'm going through therefore He is unfair**

28 Do not **marvel** at this; for the hour is coming in which all who are in the **graves** will hear His voice 29 and come forth...

**Are you surprised I am saying that I will one day judge you?**

- All the dead will hear My voice and rise at My command

**28b...** —those who have done **good**, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done **evil**, to the resurrection of condemnation.

- **Those that have done good?** Believed the gospel resurrection of Life
- **Those that have done evil?** Reject the gospel resurrection of condemnation

Both good and evil were invited to the wedding feast. Only those who were not wearing wedding clothes provided by the Father at the wedding of the Son were cast out.

**Romans 3:12** [We all turned from God] ... **There is none who does good, no, not one."**

- Dead will rise at the voice of Jesus...Sheep and Goats separated

30 I can of Myself do nothing. As I hear, I judge; and My judgment is righteous, because I do not seek My own will but the will of the Father who sent Me.

**As I see I do. As I hear...I judge  
As I judge I Judge righteously and without error**

**SUMMARY Life and Judgment Are Through the Son**

### **III. Witnesses of the Truth: Person and Authority of Jesus**

**I.e. Jesus is God and has the Authority to Judge Humanity**

31 "If I bear witness of Myself, My witness is not true.

- Witness of one is insufficient evidence in Jewish law

**Jews would require the witness of at least two...Jesus gives 5**

32 There is **another who bears witness of Me**, and I know that the



witness which He witnesses of Me is true. 33 You have sent to John, and he has borne witness to the truth.

- Another; i.e. Father [spoken of later]
- **First witness** is Jesus Himself
- **Second witness** is John the Baptist...He told you...

'He who comes after me is preferred before me, for He was before me.'  
"Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!"  
"I have seen and testified that **this is the Son of God.**"

- **Beside Me, John the Baptist was a witness...**

34 Yet I do not receive testimony from man, but **I say these things that you may be saved.**

I am not trying to defend Myself...I am taking time talking with you  
**...that you may be saved.**

- **NOTE:** Jesus is talking to His enemies and desires their Salvation
- **Jesus is being an example to those who would believe...**

**Matthew 5:43** "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' 44 But I say to you, **love your enemies**, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you, 45 that you may be sons of your Father in heaven

- Witnesses to the Truth of the Person and Authority of Jesus...
  1. **Witness one:** Jesus Himself
  2. **Witness two:** John the Baptist

35 [John] was the burning and shining lamp, and you were willing for a time to rejoice in his light.

- **John was?** John in Jail or Dead at this point: Hi work is finished...
- **Burning Light/Shining Lamp:** You were drawn to him...
  1. I saw you there at the Jordan listening to John preach Word...
  2. I watched as you tasted of the goodness of God...

**Psalm 34: 8** Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good; Blessed is the man who trusts in Him!

**1 Peter 2:1** [put away your sin] if indeed you have **tasted that the Lord is gracious.**

- **John told you to repent then sent you to Me:**
  1. Did you taste and not believe?
  2. Should have stayed home...

**2 Peter 2:21** For it would have been better for them not to have known the way of

righteousness, than having known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered to them. 22 But it has happened to them according to the true proverb: "A dog returns to his own vomit," and, "a sow, **having washed, to her wallowing in the mire.**"

**36 But I have a greater witness than John's;** for the works which the Father has given Me to finish—the very works that I do—bear witness of Me, that the Father has sent Me.

**But there is a third witness of who I am and My Authority ...**

1. Jesus Himself
2. John the Baptist...but did not perform signs and miracles, thus...
3. **The works I do** also bear witness of who I am

**Matthew 11:5** [During John's time of doubt] "Go and tell John the things which you hear and see: 5 The blind see and the lame walk; the lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear; the dead are raised up and the poor have the **gospel preached to them.**

- **Works I do:**

**This is what was prophesied the Messiah would do! Witness to who I Am**

**Isaiah 35:5** Then the **eyes of the blind shall be opened**, And the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped. 6 Then the lame shall leap like a deer, And the tongue of the dumb sing.

- **Works Testify?** Miracles ...and preaching **the Good News...**

**Isaiah 61:1** "The Spirit of the Lord God is upon Me, Because the Lord has anointed Me To **preach good tidings to the poor**; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives, And the opening of the prison to those who are bound..."

- Setting people free physical infirmities, blind see, deaf hear, lame walk
- **Setting people free from sin, death, devil and hell are greater the works I do**

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| 1. Jesus Himself:    | I Am God                                  |
| 2. John the Baptist: | He is the Lamb of God/Savior of the World |
| 3. Works             | Miracles only God could do                |

V32 But there is another who bears witness of Me...**God the Father**

**37 And the Father Himself, who sent Me, has testified of Me.**

- **Fourth Witness:** The Father testifies as to the Person and Authority of Jesus

**Psalm 2:7** [NT declaration Prophesied in OT] "I will declare the decree: The Lord has said to Me, '**You are My Son**, Today I have begotten You. 8 Ask of Me, and I will give You The nations for Your inheritance,

**Luke 3:21** [After Jesus baptized] ...He prayed, the heaven was opened. 22 And the Holy Spirit descended in bodily form like a dove upon Him, and a voice came from heaven which said, "**You are My beloved Son; in You I am well pleased.**"

- Father testifying as a witness who Jesus is and His Authority

**Jesus speaking to the religious leaders who want to kill Him...**

**37b...You have neither heard [the Father's] voice at any time, nor seen [the father's] form. 38 But you do not have His word abiding in you, because whom He sent, Him you do not believe.**

▪ **Your religious people and yet...**

1. You have never heard God
2. You have never seen God

Because you don't believe in the One the Father Sent  
Because you don't believe you need a Savior

**Because the bridge between you and God has never been gapped**

**John 1:51** And He said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, hereafter you shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

- You don't know who you're talking to
- You don't know who you're mocking
- You don't know the danger you are in
- You don't understand: **The Father has committed your judgment to ME**

**All should honor the Son just as they honor the Father. He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent Him.**

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| 1. Jesus Himself    | I Am God                             |
| 2. John the Baptist | He is the Lamb of God                |
| 3. Works            | He does the work of God              |
| 4. Father           | He is My beloved Son...Listen to him |

**Fifth Witness: The Word of God**

**39 You search the Scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life; and these are they which testify of Me.**

- You study your Bible
- You believe that in your Bible knowledge is Eternal Life
- Yet...The Bible speaks of Me from cover to cover...

**40 But you are not willing to come to Me that you may have life.**

- You are searching Scripture/looking for Messiah and I'm right here

**True of Every Cult and Religion  
...search the Scriptures/Study the Word but don't know God**

- **Not willing to come to Me?**

## 2 Timothy 3:7 ...always learning and never able to come to the **knowledge of the truth.**

- **How do we "come to Jesus"? In humility...as a child**

1. Admit you are a sinner
2. Humble yourself as a sinner
3. Lose your life in exchange for Mine
4. Let go of your religion to come to ME

- **Five-fold witness of who Jesus is and the Authority he has**

1. **Jesus Himself:** I am equal to the Father and to honored the same
2. **John the Baptist:** Lamb who takes away the sin of the world
3. **Works:** Prophesied Messiah would heal physically and Spiritually
4. **Father:** This is My beloved Son...Listen to Him
5. **Word of God:** Written in the volume of the book beginning with skin

**Jesus continues to take the time with those who seek to kill Him...**

## 41 **"I do not receive honor from men.**

"I do not stand in need of you or your testimony. I act neither through self-interest nor vanity. Your salvation can add nothing to me, nor can your destruction injure me: I speak only through my love for your souls, that ye may be saved." [Clarke]

- **Till the end:** Forgive them Father for they know not what they do

## 42 But **I know you,** that you do not have the love of God in you.

**Amazing: Even though you study the Scripture...**

**You do not love God and because you do not love God you will be deceived...**

## 43 I have come in My Father's name, and you do not receive Me; if another **comes in his own name, him you will receive.**

**2 Thessalonians 2:9** [Read] The coming of the lawless one is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders, 10 and with all unrighteous deception among those who perish, because **they did not receive the love of the truth**, that they might be saved. 11 And for this reason God will send them strong delusion, that they should believe the lie, 12 that they all may be condemned **who did not believe the truth** but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

- Last times people want ears tickled heaping up teachers who tell what want to hear
- **Jews:** Embrace the anti-Christ until mid-tribulation and after knowing their duped
  1. Did not receive the love of the Truth
  2. Did not believe the Truth
  3. Took pleasure in unrighteousness

Big mouths shouting hate are driving nails into their own coffins  
How can you receive the truth/have the love of God...when....

- On one hand spewing venom to who speak truth?
- **On other hand...Seeking approval from sinful man for your sinful behavior?**

44 How can you believe, who receive honor from one another, and do not seek the honor that comes from the only God?

**Honor that comes from God is given to those who humble themselves before God  
Pride: Sin of the Devil blinds their eyes toward God. Deadliest of Sins**

- We don't need a Savior
- We are masters of our own destiny
- Captains of our own vessel

We keep the Law. We know the Scripture. We are good people  
**No...we are prideful egotistical God-haters until God gets a hold of us**

45 Do not think that I shall accuse you to the Father; there is one who accuses you—Moses, in whom you trust. 46 For if you believed Moses, you would believe Me; for he wrote about Me. 47 But if you do not believe his writings, how will you believe My words?"

- You say you trust/believe Moses the Lawgiver
- **It is Moses who accuses you;** i.e. The Law condemns you

**Deuteronomy 27:26** 'Cursed is the one who does not confirm **all the words of this law** by observing them.'

- James confirms OT...

**James 2:10** For whoever shall keep the whole law, and **yet stumble in one point**, he is guilty of all.

- Law has no ability to save only condemn
- All sin and fall short. No one does good...no not one. Only Jesus

**Only Jesus saves...**and Jesus only saves when the Father draws us and we

- Stop trusting in ourselves
- Drop our pretenses of being a good person and...

**...Lay our sin at Jesus feet and watch Him cast them as far as the East is from the West**

