

John 5 Pt 1 vv1-23 Rise

Jesus

I. Rise

1 After this...

- After the Samaritan woman/Her city are saved
- After the Nobleman's son is healed
- Now the 3rd Sign to cause us to believe Jesus is the Christ...

1b ...there was a feast of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. 2 Now there is in Jerusalem by the **Sheep Gate** a pool, which is called in Hebrew, **Be-thesda**, having **five porches**. **3** In these lay a great multitude of sick people, blind, lame, paralyzed, waiting for the moving of the water. **4** For an angel went down at a certain time into the pool and stirred up the water then whoever stepped in first, after the stirring of the water, was made well of whatever disease he had.

Jesus heads south from Galilee to Jerusalem

- **Enters the Sheep Gate:** Entrance for Sacrificial Lambs
- **Goes to Pool of Bethesda:** lit. House of Mercy. Multitudes waiting to be healed

First one in was healed

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

38 Yr Routine

Taken to the pool to wait for 38 Yrs

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?"**

Do you want to be made well?
Or stay comfortable in your misery?

- 5 Porches of Sick People all Waiting
- Spurgeon's 5 Porches of Waiting
 1. Waiting for Dreams/Visions: Right dream/vision and then I will believe
 2. Waiting for Compulsion from God: When God compels me to believe then I will believe
 3. Waiting for Revival: When the excitement builds to a fervent level then I will believe
 4. Waiting for Expected Impression: When I hear right sermon/Perfect words I will believe
 5. Waiting for More convenient season...Most common

These always count upon a good tomorrow, but tomorrow is a day which you will not find in the almanac; it is found nowhere *but in the fool's calendar*...Today is God's time, and whenever

we are saved it will be our time. But many lie waiting till their joints stiffen, their eyes fail, their ears are heavy, and their hearts more and more insensible. O ye simple ones, will it be so forever? Will you wait until you are cast into hell?

Waiting Theory: Looking for something, but not looking to Christ alone.

The Great Physician is Not Hiding but Asking...
After so many years of misery...Do you *really* want to be made well?
Provoking words. Draw out faith. Do you want to get well?

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."

Begging became a good living but never a good life. [NJC]

I have no one to put me in the pool
Do we Limit God's Power to only what we can conceive in our minds?

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.**

- **True Faith:** Believing/Acting immediately on His Word
- **Fast Faith:** 38 yrs of excuses immediately vanish at Jesus Word

Why do we pray for a miracle and afterward explain to our prayer partner the things we need to do to make it happen? If Jesus says do it then it can be done. IOWs If Jesus says cross the sea, He's has already made a way for across the sea. **Q. Do you want to be made well?** Since Jesus promises victory over porn, poverty, meth, alcohol, demons, anger, self-pity, unforgiveness then victory is *immediately available by faith*. Jesus said *take up your bed and walk ...and the man actually believed Him.* [NJC]

....Immediately the man was made well
He took up his bed/Walked away healed...

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.**"

Our religion clearly states you must wait to be healed until *after the Sabbath*
[The Bible actually does not teach that at all]

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]

Religion is the Enemy of God [NJC]

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

Jesus never railed on anyone more than Religious Leaders

Hypocrites: Wearers of Masks

Matthew 23:13 ...woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you shut up the kingdom of heaven against men; for you neither go in yourselves 14 Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you devour widows' houses, and for a pretense make long prayers. 15 "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you travel land and sea to win one proselyte, and when he is won, you make him twice as much a son of hell as yourselves. 16 "Woe to you, blind guides ...**23** "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin, and have neglected the weightier matters of the law: justice and mercy and faith. These you ought to have done, without leaving the others undone. 24 Blind guides, who strain out a gnat and swallow a camel! "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you cleanse the outside of the cup and dish, but inside they are full of extortion and self-indulgence. 26 Blind Pharisee, first cleanse the inside of the cup and dish that the outside of them may be clean also. 27 "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you are like whitewashed tombs which indeed appear beautiful outwardly, but inside are full of dead men's bones and all uncleanness.

Religion is the Enemy of God

The misery of religious legalism loves company
It is the Sabbath sir... It is not lawful for you to carry your bed

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.

Jesus went to the Pool before He went to the Feast

- Healed the man/Disappeared in the crowd
- Healed man did not even know it was Jesus...yet

14 Afterward Jesus found him in the temple...

- **Q.** How did he get to the Temple? Must have walked
- **Q.** What was he doing in the Temple? Don't know
- **Q.** Why was Jesus looking for him?

A. Jesus was looking for Him to finish the work He started
Healed Physically not Spiritually

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

- Reason Jesus told him to take up his mat? He might need it again?
- **Implication of Jesus Words:** Healed but not yet saved

Does sin cause sickness? Not always

John 9:1 Now as Jesus passed by, He saw a man who was blind from birth. 2 And His disciples asked Him, saying, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" 3 Jesus answered, "**Neither** this man nor his parents sinned, but that **the works of God should be revealed in him.**"

Does sin cause sickness?
Not always but Not Never. IOWs Sometimes it does

- His sin DID cause his sickness
- Continue in sin w/out Savior/Worse now/forever

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.**

Physical Healing/Blessing does not always indicate a Right Standing w/God
Jesus told the man to Repent...Turn from his sin to Him and be saved

- **To the Adulterous woman:** Go and sin not more...
- **To the Paralyzed man** lowered through roof: Your Sins are forgiven...Get up/walk
- **To the man at the pool:** Get up/walk...Repent/Be forgiven and set free forever

The Philosophy of AA/NA is Satanic
Stops short of Salvation leaving a Spiritual Vacuum

Matthew 12:43 When an unclean spirit goes out of a man [problem is gone], he goes through dry places, seeking rest, and finds none. 44 Then he says, 'I will return to my house from which I came.' And when he comes, he **finds it empty, swept, and put in order.** [No booze/drugs/**Holy Spirit**] 45 Then he goes and takes with him seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter and dwell there; and **the last state of that man is worse than the first.**

- Quitting drinking/drugging is not salvation/Can actually be a hinderance
- Being clean can open a door to self-righteousness...rather than the Holy Spirit

Let Jesus set you Free from Bondage to a Calendar
Tyrant of counting days alcohol free/drug free/porn free/fill in the blank free...

John 8:35b ... a son abides forever. 36 Therefore if the Son makes you free, **you shall be free indeed.**

Galatians 5:16 Walk in the Spirit, and **you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh.**

Not about Rules/Regulations but Walking in the Spirit

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

- Why did he go to the Jews?
 1. Excited at Jesus healing: Wanted them to know Jesus?
 2. Upset at Jesus telling him to stop sinning: Wanted to stir up trouble against Jesus?

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]

II. Honor the Son as the Father

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

Because the man went to the Jews/Healed of Sabbath
Jesus was Persecuted/Target for Assassination

Religion is the Enemy of Jesus
Religious Envy was the Motive of the Crucifixion

Matthew 27:17b ... Pilate said to them, "Whom do you want me to release to you? Barabbas, or Jesus who is called Christ?" **18 For he knew that they had handed Him over because of envy.**

▪ Charge: Working on the Sabbath

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. Wasn't the Sabbath made for man not man for the Sabbath?
4. Isn't it lawful to do "good" on the Sabbath?
5. Doesn't even God continue to work on the Sabbath?...

Religious Jews confront Jesus Lord of the Sabbath for Working on the Sabbath

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

The Work you accuse Me of is the Work of God
God is always working

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

They did not yet know Who they were Accusing
My Father and I are always working...

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.

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: The Jews understood Jesus to be saying...
God is His Father/He is equal to the Father

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

- **Heresy Arianism:** Jesus is not God

Sought to Kill Him
Broke Sabbath/Claimed Equality w/God

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 [the Father] 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]

As a Carpenters Apprentice He did as he saw His earthly stepfather do
As the Son of God He did only what He saw His Heavenly Father do

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.**

Greater Works than Healing/Delivering?

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

As My Father gives Life. I also have the power to give Life

- Raise to life the physically dead
- Give Eternal Life to those Spiritually dead

I have the power to give Life *to whom I will*
Jews: Who made You Judge?

22 ...the Father judges no one, but has **committed all judgment to the Son**,
23 that 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.**

- Imagine the Religious Jews listening to this

Honor the Son JUST AS you honor the Father. Any less and you dishonor both
Religious leaders then/now: Dishonor both by dishonoring Jesus

- **Jesus is not...**

1. ...the archangel Michael [JW/SDA]
2. ...the spirit brother of Lucifer [LDS]
3. ...a created being [All cults] but He is in fact the Creator

Jesus is the Giver of Life/Judge of All Men/Sustainer of all Things by His Word

▪ **We honor the Son just as the Father**

1. Worship/Praise
2. Adoration/Obedience
3. As King/Sovereign. Honor Jesus the same

God the Father speaking of God the Son

Hebrews 1:2b He made the worlds; 3 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] "**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."

- Hebrews 13:8...

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever

Jesus is Revealing Himself to the Jews...and to us
He is the Source/Giver of Life/Judge of All Men/Savior of those who believe

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

2 Corinthians 6:2b ...Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, **now is the day of salvation.**

Arise. Take up your bed and walk
Trust in Jesus and Live