

CHRIST HEALS A PARALYTIC ON THE SABBATH

(John 5:1-16)

- I. AN INTRODUCTION TO JOHN'S GOSPEL
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A. Jesus Heals the Paralytic in Jerusalem (5:1-9)

1. John informs us that Jesus returned to _____ for a _____ day, and that He visited the _____ of Bethesda where there was a plethora of people with many infirmities. (vv. 1-3a)

* With the textual variant in verses 3b-4, how might this passage best be understood?

2. The man who would have Christ's undivided attention by this pool had some type of paralysis for the past _____. (v. 5)

* Verse 6 tells us that Jesus already knew that this man had been paralyzed for this extended period, why would He ask him a question such as, "*Do you want to be made well?*"

3. Rather than answer the Lord's question, the man offered _____ as to why he never _____ into the water; without strength and without friends it was NOT possible. (v. 7)

* Did Jesus *need* this man's faith in order to heal him?

4. The Lord commanded this man to do what He was _____ to _____; but with the command came the healing _____ to be able to stand on legs that had long ago withered with atrophy. (vv. 8-9)

B. The Antagonistic Reaction of the Jewish Authorities (5:10-18)

1. The fact that the healed man who was carrying his mat was quickly spotted by the religious leaders probably _____ why Christ specifically chose to heal _____ by the pool. (v. 10)
2. The exchange between the healed man and the religious leaders caused the healed man to _____ Jesus in giving him a command, _____ of any responsibility in violating Pharisaic law. (vv. 11-13)
3. Christ intentionally found the healed man and _____ His _____; this man in turn, _____ the religious leaders of this news. (vv. 14-15)
4. In the mind of the Jewish authorities Jesus had violated _____ added _____ to the Law, and consequently He was worthy of death. (v. 16)

* What can you personally apply from this passage today?