SIGN: Lame will leap!

John 5:1-17

SO THAT YOU MAY BELIEVE

"Blind eyes will be opened, deaf ears unstopped, Lame men and women will leap like deer, the voiceless break into song."
Isaiah 35:5-7 MSG

SO THAT YOU MAY BELIEVE

"*The New Testament without the miracles would be far easier to believe. But the trouble is, would it be worth believing?*"
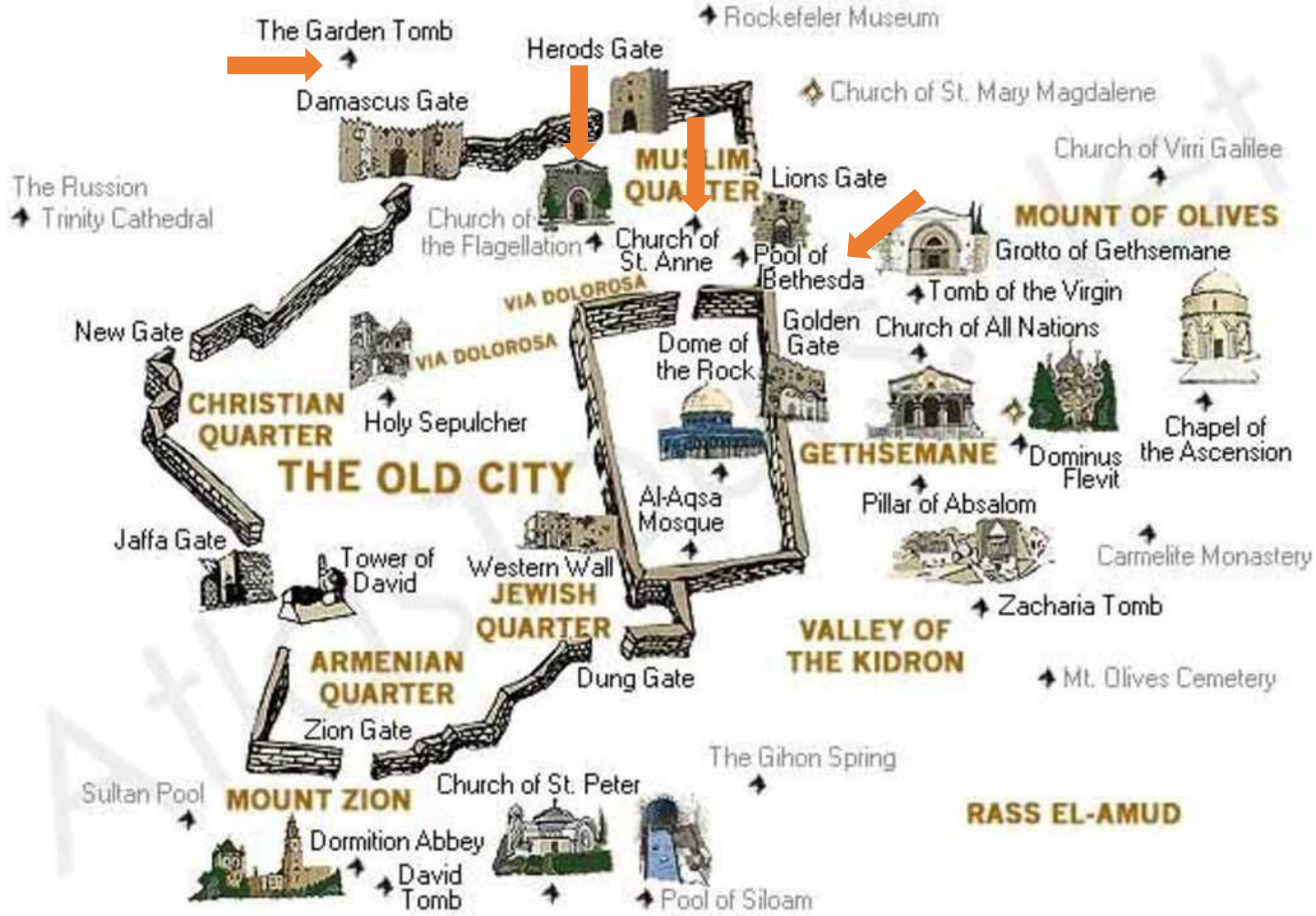G. Gresham Machen

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5:1,2 After these things there was a feast of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. Now there is in Jerusalem by the sheep gate a pool, which is called in Hebrew Bethesda, having five porticoes.

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The Garden Tomb

Rockefeler Museum

Herods Gate

Church of St. Mary Magdalene

Damascus Gate

The Russion
Trinity Cathedral

MUSLIM QUARTER

Lions Gate

Church of Virri Galilee

MOUNT OF OLIVES

Church of
the Flagellation

Church of
St. Anne

Pool of
Bethesda

Grotto of Gethsemane

Tomb of the Virgin

New Gate

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Dome of
the Rock

Golden
Gate

Church of All Nations

CHRISTIAN
QUARTER

Holy Sepulcher

THE OLD CITY

Al-Aqsa
Mosque

GETHSEMANE

Dominus
Flevit

Chapel of
the Ascension

Jaffa Gate

Tower of
David

Western Wall

JEWISH
QUARTER

Pillar of Absalom

Carmelite Monastery

Zacharia Tomb

ARMENIAN
QUARTER

Dung Gate

VALLEY OF
THE KIDRON

Mt. Olives Cemetery

Zion Gate

The Gihon Spring

Sultan Pool

MOUNT ZION

Church of St. Peter

RASS EL-AMUD

Dormition Abbey
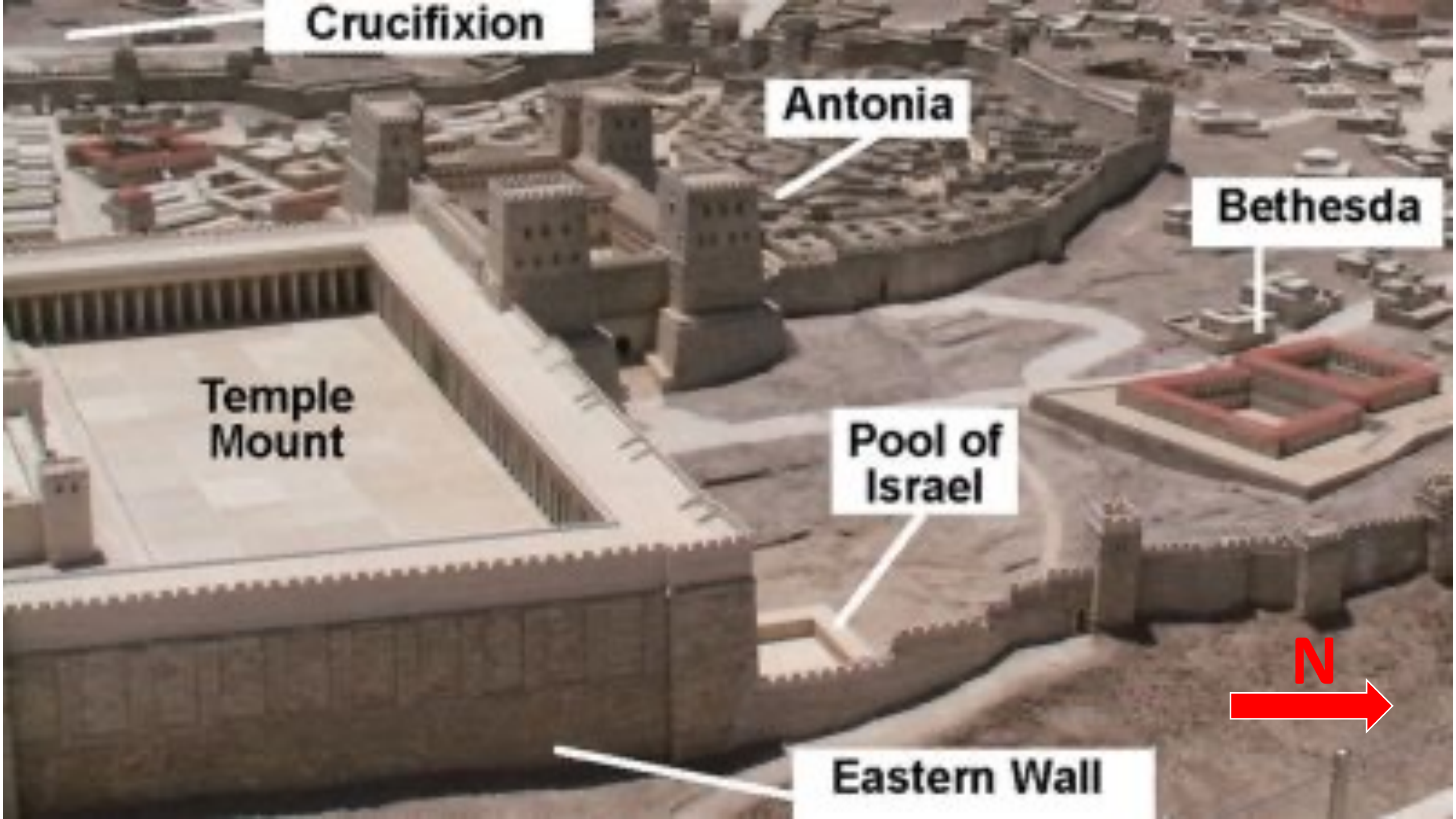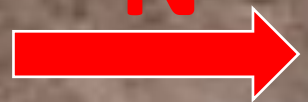
David
Tomb

Pool of Siloam

Crucifixion

Antonia

Bethesda

Temple Mount

Pool of Israel

Eastern Wall

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3 In these lay a multitude of those who were sick, blind, lame, and withered, waiting for the moving of the waters;

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4 for an angel of the Lord went down at certain seasons into the pool and stirred up the water; whoever then first, after the stirring up of the water, stepped in was made well from whatever disease with which he was afflicted.

SO THAT YOU MAY BELIEVE

5,6 A man was there who had been ill for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him lying there, and knew that he had already been a long time in that condition, He said to him, "Do you wish to get well?"

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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."

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Care 1-7

- 'feast' – probably Passover – 4 total = 3 ½
- 'moving of the waters'?
- 38 years old – why?
- "Do you wish to get well?"
- **Excuses – Obstacles – Difficulties**
- **Physician of the Soul! All else = easy!**

SO THAT YOU MAY BELIEVE

"The love of God and the life of Jesus are eternally linked – deny either and you lose the other."

SO THAT YOU MAY BELIEVE

5:8,9 Jesus said to him, "Get up, pick up your pallet and walk." Immediately the man became well, and picked up his pallet and began to walk.

SO THAT YOU MAY BELIEVE

Cure 8,9

- Hopeless and Helpless – long abandoned
- Salvation – All of God – none of man!
- **Fix me my way –**
- Many miracles beyond healing –
- **God will heal ALL! Maybe not now…**

SO THAT YOU MAY BELIEVE

5:9-10Now it was the Sabbath on that day. So the Jews were saying to the man who was cured, "It is the Sabbath, and it is not permissible for you to carry your pallet."

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11 But he answered them, "He who made me well was the one who said to me, 'Pick up your pallet and walk.'"

SO THAT YOU MAY BELIEVE

12 They asked him, "Who is the man who said to you, 'Pick up your pallet and walk'?"

SO THAT YOU MAY BELIEVE

13 But the man who was healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had slipped away while there was a crowd in that place.

SO THAT YOU MAY BELIEVE

14 Afterward Jesus found him in the temple and said to him, "Behold, you have become well; do not sin anymore, so that nothing worse happens to you."

SO THAT YOU MAY BELIEVE

15,16 The man went away and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had made him well. For this reason the Jews were persecuting Jesus, because He was doing these things on the Sabbath.

SO THAT YOU MAY BELIEVE

17 But He answered them, "My Father is working until now, and I Myself am working."

SO THAT YOU MAY BELIEVE

Critics 9-17

- Sabbath Day – needle in robe?
- Shabbat elevators
- Leaders wanted to know who not how
- **Sabbath Law over Saving Grace!**

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"For this reason therefore the Jews were seeking all the more to kill Him, because He not only was breaking the Sabbath, but also was calling God His own Father, making Himself equal with God."
John 5:18

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Critics 9-17

- Later Jesus sees him again
- Physical benefits draw us away from Faith
- 'made well' – Perfect Tense – temporary?
- Began persecution – 2 years – Crucified!
- **Listening to Critics or Creator?**

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"Miracles are not God intervening – He is simply acting in His Creation!"

SO THAT YOU MAY BELIEVE

Carry On!

- Mark 2 – 6 guys brought friend to Jesus
- John 4 – faith of the father w/o proof
- John 5 – no help – Jesus steps in

SO THAT YOU MAY BELIEVE

Carry On!

- Jesus Authority – power over illness
- Jesus Ability – Messiah from Isaiah
- Jesus Affections – God so loved…
- Do we believe? Trust? Share?

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"*The Bible's miracles are an important part of its story, and it is impossible to extract them from the Bible without destroying its central message.*"
Billy Graham

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