

Jesus Changes Everything

During March we've kicked off our thoughts this quarter on why they followed Jesus. Part of the reason is because of the hope Jesus brought. Truly Jesus is the hope of the world. His coming is the best news ever. He is our Savior, Messiah, and Lord. Today, we'll look at John 5 ... which identifies a significant moment in His earthly ministry. In fact, it is the event that cascades into his eventual being killed by the religious establishment. Here we see an amazing story of one man's journey from utter despair and hopelessness to joy beyond measure; brokenness to being made whole physically and spiritually.

I. John 5.1-9 - A Lame Man Healed

- A. 5.1-4 - the Setting
 - 1. 5.1 - There was a Jewish festival in Jerusalem Jesus decided to attend.
 - 2. 5.2 - While in Jerusalem, makes a point to go by a pool called **Bethesda**, near the sheep gate.
 - 3. Where is 5.3b-4? It is not in the earliest and most reliable manuscripts.
 - 4. A Large Number of People: The disabled; blind; **lame**; and the paralyzed.
- B. John 5.5-9a - Jesus Heals One Man
 - 1. 5.5-6a - See Jesus' knowledge
 - a) *One man was there who had been disabled for **thirty-eight** years.*
 - b) *When Jesus saw him lying there and realized he had already been there a long time,...*
 - 2. 5.6b-8 - See Jesus' Compassion
 - a) 5.6b - "*Do you want to get **well**?*" Jesus goes straight to the heart of the matter.
 - b) 5.7 - "*Sir,*" *the disabled man answered, "I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up, but while I'm coming, someone goes down ahead of me."*
 - c) 5.8 - "*Get up,*" *Jesus told him, "pick up your mat and **walk**."*
 - 3. 5.9 - See Jesus' Power
 - a) 5.9a - *Instantly the man got well, picked up his mat, and started to walk.*
 - b) When Jesus speaks ... the creation obeys. At once.

II. John 5.9b-13 - A Miracle on the Sabbath

- A. 5.9b - "*Now that day was the **Sabbath**,*" What Jesus did with this man was intentional.
- B. Why This Miracle? See 5.10.
 - 1. 5.10b: "*this is the Sabbath. The **law** prohibits you from picking up your mat.*"
 - 2. 5.11 - the man explains: *The man who made me well told me, 'Pick up your mat and walk.'*
 - 3. 5.12 - *Who is this man who told you, 'Pick up your mat and walk?'* they asked.
 - 4. 5.13 - He didn't know **who** Jesus was...
- C. Why did Jesus slip away? Make the connection to 5.3. The place was full of sick people...

III. John 5.14 - The Real Issue in His Healing

- A. 5.14a - Stop sinning. *Do not **sin** anymore.*
- B. 5.14b - Don't neglect what you have been given
 - 1. *So that something **worse** doesn't happen to you.* Think final judgment.
 - 2. Jesus is saying, "don't turn from me into a life of sin."

IV. As We Close...

- A. Jesus knows. He knows your situation.
- B. Jesus cares. Seek Him now ... while there is the opportunity...
- C. Jesus has power. You are not out of his reach. Will you trust Him?