

Title:Invalid Man: A Conversation with Jesus on SufferingSeries:OVERHEARDText:JOHN 5:1-15Speaker:Kevin T. HardyDate: March 17, 2024

"Jesus went through all the towns and villages, **teaching** in their synagogues, **proclaiming** the good news of the kingdom and **healing** every disease and sickness" (Matt. 9:35)

LET'S LOOK AT THIS SHORT CONVERSATION

Some time later, Jesus went up to Jerusalem for a feast of the Jews. 2 Now there is in Jerusalem near **the Sheep Gate a pool**, which in Aramaic is called Bethesda and which is surrounded by five covered colonnades. 3 <u>Here a great number of disabled</u> <u>people used to lie</u>—the blind, the lame, the paralyzed. (Jn 5:1–3).

*****Some less important manuscripts.** paralyzed—and they waited for the moving of the waters. From time to time <u>an angel of the Lord would come down and stir up</u> <u>the waters.</u> The first one into the pool after each such disturbance would be cured of whatever disease he had. (John 5:4)

JESUS STARTS THE CONVERSATION WITH AN _____

One who was there had been <u>an invalid for thirty-eight years.</u> 6 When Jesus <u>saw</u> <u>him lying there</u> and <u>learned that he had been in this condition for a long time</u>, he asked him, **"Do you want to get well?**" (Jn 5:5–6).

Sir," the invalid replied, "I have no one to help me into the pool when the water is stirred. While I am trying to get in, someone else goes down ahead of me." (Jn 5:7).

Then Jesus said to him, **"Get up! Pick up your mat and walk."** 9 At once the man was cured; he picked up his mat and walked. (Jn 5:8–9).

FIVE WAYS JESUS HEALS TODAY

1. JESUS HEALS ______ AND _____!

• The Bible records______ on different occasions where Jesus healed one or more people or did another supernatural work.

2. JESUS HEALS THROUGH ______ AND _____

• _____was a physician. The Bible nowhere states that he stopped using all his skills after his conversion.

3. JESUS HEALS THROUGH THE HUMAN BODIES _____ POWER

• "A healthy body fights infection, heals wounds, kills cancer cells, repairs damage, and fights the aging process." Dr. Erik Lundquist, MD

4. JESUS HEALS THROUGH SUFFICIENT _____

 But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. (2 Cor. 12:9)

5. JESUS HEALS THROUGH VICTORIOUS ______.

• *"For me, to live is Christ and to die is gain". (Phil. 1:21)*

LET'S GO BACK TO THE CONVERSATION!

ENCOUNTER WITH THE ______

The day on which this took place was a Sabbath, 10 and so the Jews said to the man who had been healed, "It is the Sabbath; the law forbids you to carry your mat." 11 But he replied, **"The man who made me well said to me, 'Pick up your mat and walk.'**"

12 So they asked him, **"Who is this fellow who told you to pick it up and walk?"** 13 The man who was healed <u>had no idea</u> who it was, for Jesus had slipped away into the crowd that was there. (Jn 5:9–13).

ENCOUNTER WITH ______

Later Jesus found him at the temple and said to him, <u>"See, you are well again.</u> <u>Stop sinning or something worse may happen to you."</u> 15 The man went away and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had made him well. (Jn 5:14–15).