

## The Gospel of John: Jesus Almost Heals Somebody

Pastor Chad Ellenburg Text: John 5:1-18

Jesus intentionally picks a spiritual fight. (John 5:1-5)

I'm sorry, what was the question, Jesus? (John 5:6-9)

I was once healed by Jesus... Isn't that enough? (John 5:10-15)

I am working my way to the Cross. (John 5:16-18)

Memory Verse:

John 5:12 They asked him, "Who is the man who said to you, 'Take up your bed and walk'?"

Food for Thought for the week of June 24, 2018

(Questions and Scriptures for further study and discussion.)

1. On the surface, this looks like another miracle, but Jesus is here for a bigger purpose. Why is He here at this time and place?
2. God gave the feasts and the Sabbath as a time for reflection and giving thanks. At this point in Israel's history, that original meaning and intent was all messed up. In what ways do we do the same thing with our approach to following Jesus?
3. What does Jesus truly see when He looks at the sickness surrounding the pool?
4. The superstition surrounding the pool, and possible healing to the quickest individual, is a far cry from a loving relationship with God. How do we experience similar "shortcuts" in our current church culture? Think specifically about your own prayer life and the idea of waiting on God.
5. Why does Jesus ask the man such an obvious question?
6. How does the man's non-answer impact Jesus' heart and willingness to heal or change his life?
7. What does the man's quick turning against Jesus reveal about the sickness of his soul?
8. Jesus' bigger purpose involved a ticking clock that would end at the cross. How does this story fit into that ticking clock?
9. The response to Jesus in this story isn't positive. In fact, it's increasing in hostility. What does this tell us about our own walk with Him?