

The Lord of the Sabbath and Equal with God

Healing of the Man at the Pool of Bethesda

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#11 – John 5:1-18

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The Purpose of the Gospel of John - John 20:30-31 - “Therefore many other signs Jesus also performed in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these have been written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing you may have life in His name.”

The Miracle - John 5:1-9

1. The Setting - v. 1-5

Jesus went _____

During a _____

By the sheep gate at a pool called Bethesda, meaning “_____”

In the porticoes lay the _____

One man there had been sick for _____

They were waiting for the _____ of the water by an angel of the Lord

2. The Conversation - v. 6-8

When Jesus saw him, and knew that he had already been a long time in that condition,

Jesus said to him, “Do you wish to get well?”

The sick man answered, “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.”

Jesus said to him, “Get up, pick up your pallet and walk.”

3. The Action - v. 9

The healing was _____

The man’s obedience was _____

Observations:

_____ was not involved

_____ was not involved

It was done on the _____

Jesus _____ - v. 13b

The Response - John 5:10-16

1. By the Jewish leaders - v. 10-13, 16

They _____ the healing after 38 years

They _____ the man with breaking the Sabbath law

They wanted to know, _____ who told you to carry your pallet?

Notes on the Sabbath

Exodus 20:8-11; Jeremiah 17:21-22, 27; 2 Chronicles 36:21

Exodus 31:12-13 - The Lord spoke to Moses, saying, “But as for you, speak to the sons of Israel, saying, ‘You shall surely observe My sabbaths; for this is a SIGN between Me and you throughout your generations, that you may know that I am the Lord who sanctifies you.

Ezekiel 20:10-12 - “So I took them out of the land of Egypt and brought them into the wilderness. I gave them My statutes and informed them of My ordinances, by which, if a man observes them, he will live. Also I gave them My sabbaths to be a SIGN between Me and them, that they might know that I am the Lord who sanctifies them.”

2. By Jesus - v. 14

Command to the man: _____

Warning to the man: that something worse could happen if he did not turn from his sin

3. By the man - v. 11, 15

The Main Thing - John 5:17-18

1. Jesus and His Father are _____

2. The Jews knew that Jesus claimed to be _____
Because He called God His Father

Hendriksen - “When the Jewish authorities heard Jesus call God “my (own) Father,” they did not do what many moderns have done. They did not try to tone down the character of Christ’s sonship. They immediately understood that Jesus claimed for himself deity in the highest possible sense of that term. That claim was either the most wicked blasphemy, to be punished with death; or else, it was the most glorious truth, to be accepted by faith. The very character of the sign which Jesus had just now performed should have caused these religious leaders to adopt the latter alternative. Instead, they chose the former.”