

Jesus heals the Lame man John 5:1-15

John 5 starts Jesus public ministry – A time of open opposition

Setting the pool of Bethesda. (This is not the Bethsaida that is in Galilee)

This pool is located just north of the temple.

There was a multitude of sick people waiting to be healed. Jesus zeroed in on one individual!

Acts 7 – Stephen killed for his faith in Jesus Christ

Acts 12 – Peter freed from prison

II Corinthians 12:7-9 God allowed Paul to face the thorn in the flesh.

Stirring of the water – miraculous healing

Was this a local superstition or a miraculous event? (John 5:3-4)

We have something better than angel pool

James 5:14-15 The Prayer of Faith for the sick

Jesus asks the question – Do you want to be well?

Deflection in the answer.

Jesus asks the question – Sinner do you want to be well?

Deflection in your answer!

38 years of hoping in the god of miracles without personally experiencing a miracle

Sign

Sign #1 - Water into wine

Sign #2 - Jesus heals the nobleman's son

Sign #3 - Jesus heals the lame man

Sign #4 -

Sign #5 -

Sign #6 -

Sign #7 - The Sign deferred (Jesus death burial, and resurrection)

Jesus needs no pool – He merely speaks!

The point of Jesus signs (John 20:31) To prove that He is the great I AM

Jehovah Rapha – the God who heals

Genesis 15:26 - The God who heals the bitter waters of mara (bitter)

Immediately he took up his bed and he walked.

Immediately this caused a controversy

Remember Jesus signs increase in

Magnitude

Publicity

Controversy

Jesus performed this miracle in anonymity

Matthew 6:1-4

Don't let your left hand know what your right is doing.

The Jews were angry that this was done on the Sabbath day

"It is not lawful for you to carry your bed."

Based on oral Jewish tradition – not Biblical

What the Bible says

Exodus 20:8-11 Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. ⁹Six days you shall labor and do all your work, ¹⁰but the seventh day *is* the Sabbath of the LORD your God. *In it* you shall do no work: you, nor your son, nor your daughter, nor your male servant, nor your female servant, nor your cattle, nor your stranger who *is* within your gates. ¹¹For *in* six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that *is* in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and hallowed it.

Deuteronomy 22:4 - Donkey in a ditch

Matthew 12:11 - According to Jesus this rule applies on the Sabbath

When your religious traditions make the weight of religiosity unbearable

Matthew 23:4 - You make burdens too big they can not be carried

Matthew 23:23-24 - Strain at a gnat and swallow a camel

Hypocrite – derived from Greek actors who wore masks to disguise their true faces

Jesus is about to reveal his true face to the Jews and unmask their hypocrisy

Jesus reveals himself to the lame man

You have been made well. Sin no more, lest a worse thing come upon you

God's earthly blessings should point us to Him.

Often people deny the source of the showers of blessings.

Greedy Achan! Joshua 7:1

Greedy Gehazi! II Kings 5:26-27

Let Lamentations 3:21-26 be the confession of a Life made well!