

Word of God Speak! - Gospel of John Series 5a

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John 5:1-3, 5-18

1 Afterward Jesus returned to Jerusalem for one of the Jewish holy days.

2 Inside the city, near the Sheep Gate, was the pool of Bethesda, with five covered porches.

3 Crowds of sick people—blind, lame, or paralyzed—lay on the porches.

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5 One of the men lying there had been sick for thirty-eight years.

*6 When Jesus saw him and knew he had been ill for a long time, He asked him, **“Would you like to get well?”***

7 “I can’t, sir,” the sick man said, “for I have no one to put me into the pool when the water bubbles up. Someone else always gets there ahead of me.”

*8 Jesus told him, **“Stand up, pick up your mat, and walk!”***

9 Instantly, the man was healed! He rolled up his sleeping mat and began walking! But this miracle happened on the Sabbath,

10 so the Jewish leaders objected. They said to the man who was cured, “You can’t work on the Sabbath! The law doesn’t allow you to carry that sleeping mat!”

11 But he replied, “The Man who healed me told me, ‘Pick up your mat and walk.’”

12 “Who said such a thing as that?” they demanded.

13 The man didn’t know, for Jesus had disappeared into the crowd.

*14 But afterward Jesus found him in the Temple and told him, **“Now you are well; so stop sinning, or something even worse may happen to you.”***

15 Then the man went and told the Jewish leaders that it was Jesus who had healed him.

16 So the Jewish leaders began harassing Jesus for breaking the Sabbath rules.

*17 But Jesus replied, **“My Father is always working, and so am I.”***

18 So the Jewish leaders tried all the harder to find a way to kill Him. For He not only broke the Sabbath, He called God His Father, thereby making Himself equal with God.

Why is verse 4 missing from most modern translations?

John 5:4

For an angel went down at a certain time into the pool and stirred up the water; then whoever stepped in first, after the stirring of the water, was made well of whatever disease he had. NKJV

John 5:2-3, 5-8

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Why did you think Jesus asked the lame man this question?

John 5:7-8

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8 Jesus told him, "Stand up, pick up your mat, and walk!"

According to vs. 7 what was the man's response to Jesus' question?

What did the lame man have to do in order to stand and walk?

John 5:9

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Why was this miracle happening on a Sabbath an issue?

John 5:9-10

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*See Mark 2:27

John 5:11-13

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John 5:14

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What did Jesus want the man to do?

1 John 3:4-10

4 Everyone who sins is breaking God’s law, for all sin is contrary to the law of God.

5 And you know that Jesus came to take away our sins, and there is no sin in Him.

6 Anyone who continues to live in Him will not sin. But anyone who keeps on sinning does not know Him or understand who He is.

7 Dear children, don’t let anyone deceive you about this: When people do what is right, it shows that they are righteous, even as Christ is righteous.

8 But when people keep on sinning, it shows that they belong to the devil, who has been sinning since the beginning. But the Son of God came to destroy the works of the devil.

9 Those who have been born into God's family do not make a practice of sinning, because God's life is in them. So they can't keep on sinning, because they are children of God.

10 So now we can tell who are children of God and who are children of the devil. Anyone who does not live righteously and does not love other believers does not belong to God.

John 5:15-18

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Jesus said what about His Father's working?

How can we be encouraged by this account in scripture?

How can you apply it in your life?