

Jesus Heals the Infirm Man at the Pool of Bethesda

John 5:1-47

I. The Miracle at Bethesda 5:1-10

A. Context of the Miracle 5:1-5

1. The occasion (v. 1)
2. The location (v. 2)
3. The sick multitude (v. 3)
4. The superstition (v. 4)
5. The sick man (v. 5)

B. Cause of the Miracle 5:6-8

1. Jesus' question to the infirmed man—"Do you wish to get well?" (v. 6)
2. The man's response to Jesus—"I have no one to help me into the pool" (v. 7)
3. Jesus' command to the man—"Arise, take up your pallet, and walk!" (v. 8)

C. Consequence of the Miracle 5:9—"And immediately the man became well, and took up his pallet and began to walk."

II. The Reaction of the Jews 5:10-18

- A. The Jews with the man 5:10-13
- B. Jesus with the man 5:14-15
- C. The Jews with Jesus 5:16-18

III. The Discourse of Jesus [on His Equality with His Father] 5:19-47

- A. Jesus' Claims of Equality with God the Father 5:19-29
- B. Jesus' Five Corroborating Witnesses 5:30-47
 1. John the Baptist (v. 33)
 2. Jesus' miraculous works (v. 36)
 3. The Father (vv. 37-38)
 4. The Scriptures (v. 39)
 5. Moses (vv. 46-47; cf. Deut. 18:15-18)

Interpretation:

Jesus' claim to equality with His Father is supported by His miraculous works. The Father has appointed His Son, the Lord Jesus, to give life to believers and to judge unbelievers.

Applications:

1. Jesus works miracles according to His sovereign will; He picks this man out of many.
2. One's *eternal destiny* is more important than one's *temporal disability*!
3. Sin is sometimes the cause of sickness, but not always.
4. Genuine gratitude should be demonstrated by holy living (Exod 19:5-6; **1 Pet 2:5, 9**)
5. Jesus heals the chronic diseases and hurts that plague our souls.
6. **God enables/empowers us to carry out His commands! Therefore, live to glorify Jesus!!!**