



GOD'S WONDER LAB

JESUS DOES THE IMPOSSIBLE

Jesus does the impossible

John 5

john 5: 1–20

After this there was a feast of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate a pool, in Aramaic called Bethesda, which has five roofed colonnades. In these lay a multitude of invalids—blind, lame, and paralyzed. [waiting for the moving of the water; for an angel of the Lord went down at certain seasons into the pool, and stirred the water: whoever stepped in first after the stirring of the water was healed of whatever disease he had]

john 5:1–20

One man was there who had been an invalid for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had already been there a long time, he said to him, “Do you want to be healed?” The sick man answered him, “Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up, and while I am going another steps down before me.” Jesus said to him, “Get up, take up your bed, and walk.” And at once the man was healed, and he took up his bed and walked.

john 5: 1–20

Now that day was the Sabbath. So the Jews said to the man who had been healed, “It is the Sabbath, and it is not lawful for you to take up your bed.” But he answered them, “The man who healed me, that man said to me, ‘Take up your bed, and walk.’” They asked him, “Who is the man who said to you, ‘Take up your bed and walk’?” Now the man who had been healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had withdrawn, as there was a crowd in the place. Afterward Jesus found him in the temple and said to him, “See, you are well! Sin no more, that nothing worse may happen to you.”

john 5:1–20

The man went away and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had healed him. And this was why the Jews were persecuting Jesus, because he was doing these things on the Sabbath. But Jesus answered them, “My Father is working until now, and I am working.”

This was why the Jews were seeking all the more to kill him, because not only was he breaking the Sabbath, but he was even calling God his own Father, making himself equal with God.

john 5: 1–20

So Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of his own accord, but only what he sees the Father doing. For whatever the Father does, that the Son does likewise. For the Father loves the Son and shows him all that he himself is doing. And greater works than these will he show him, so that you may marvel.

the pool

- The pool of Bethesda was discovered in 1888 and has been thoroughly excavated.
- There are two schools of thought as to what the actual pool was.
 - Some believe it was a Greek shrine to the god Asclepius who was a healing god.
 - Others believe it was a *mikveh*, a Jewish pool for ceremonial cleansing.
- We do know that large groups of people seeking healing hung out there.

the responses

- The man's response to Jesus is the cultural and sometimes Christian response to Jesus.
- The religious response to Jesus is those who want to strip Jesus of His power.
- Jesus's own response is the response we should mirror.

the man

- The man has his faith in the wrong thing.
 - v.7: *The sick man answered him, “Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up, and while I am going another steps down before me.”*
- The man has no hope except for the “magic pill” that will fix everything.
 - He was infirmed for 38 years!
- What are culture and many Christians need is the power of Jesus.

the religious

- They have made their own lines and decide who can cross them.
 - v.10b: “It is the Sabbath, and it is not lawful for you to take up your bed.”
- A legitimate, undeniable miracle happens in front of them, and they start talking about the codes they have written.
 - Anything outside their box is dangerous.
- Now they are after Jesus.

Jesus is our example

- Jesus is the Savior of all who will believe, taking people from the kingdom of darkness to His kingdom, and reigning in all authority right now.
- Jesus is our example on how to live a life empowered by the Spirit.
- When we look at a passage, we see how Jesus operates and we should strive to operate the way that He did.

Jesus is a servant

- Jesus wants to serve the crippled man.
 - v.5b: *“Do you want to be healed?”*
- Jesus is genuinely concerned with the things that you want.
 - It does not mean He gives you everything you want, but He wants to know.
- He also will not overstep our boundaries (in most situations).

Jesus is empowered

- Then Jesus followed through and healed him.
 - v.9: *And at once the man was healed, and he took up his bed and walked.*
- Jesus follows up with the man as well.
 - v.14: *Afterward Jesus found him in the temple and said to him, "See, you are well! Sin no more, that nothing worse may happen to you."*

Jesus is connected

- Jesus does not live His life doing anything and everything that He wants to do.
 - **v.19:** *So Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of his own accord, but only what he sees the Father doing. For whatever the Father does, that the Son does likewise.*
- Modeling our lives after Jesus means finding out what the Father wants to do in every situation and give ourselves completely over to Him.

reflection

- If Jesus is your example, where, or who, is He calling you to serve?
- If Jesus is your example, do you want to live empowered?
- If Jesus is your example, how can you stay connected with the Father?

