

Jesus Has Power Over the Incurable John 5:1-18

Introduction: What would you do if you suddenly faced a lifetime of paralysis? Would you be able to endure the physical struggles of a body that was too weak to respond or too painful to move? What emotional battles would rage in your mind? How would it change your plans for the future? What would a sudden disability do to your relationships with family, friends or most of all God? In John 5 we meet a man who was incurably paralyzed and hopelessly defeated. But Jesus came along and healed him. The healing was only the start of a story that has a surprising twist.

The Setting (vs. 1-3) “...a pool, in Aramaic called Bethesda...”

The Need (vs. 5-7) “One man was there who had been an invalid for thirty-eight years.”

The Offer (vs. 6-9) “Do you want to be healed?”

The Excuse (vs. 7) “Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool...”

The Miracle (vs. 12) “Get up! Pick up your bed and walk!”

Responses to the Miracle (vs. 9b-15) “It is the Sabbath, and it is not lawful for you to take up your bed.”

The application of this miracle for you.

1. Jesus has the power to break down long standing barriers.
2. Excuses and blame block God’s blessing.
3. Ignorance of God’s provision or belief in legends keep us stuck in false hope.
4. God works on His own time frame. (Vs. 14) “Later Jesus found him...”
5. Sin makes us vulnerable to emotional and sometimes physical illness.
6. Trust in Jesus that you can get up and walk again.