

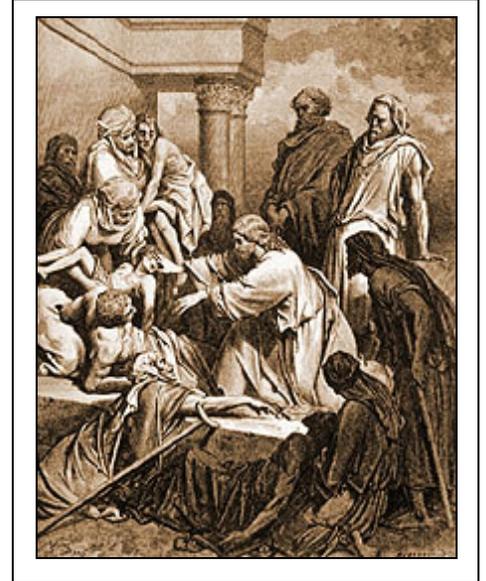
# Jesus Heals the Man at Bethesda

John 5

What is Jesus doing in this picture?  
Why do you think that He is doing this?

## Prayer

Dear Jesus, You are able to help us when no one else can. You have revealed Yourself as Lord over sickness and disease. According to Your will, help us when we are sick. You have revealed Yourself through the Bible. Help us learn more about You as we search the Scriptures for there we will find You. Amen.



## The Story - John 5:1-15 text, 16-47 summarized

After this there was a feast of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. {2} Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate a pool, which is called in Hebrew, Bethesda, having five porches. {3} In these lay a great multitude of sick people, blind, lame, paralyzed, waiting for the moving of the water. {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.

{5} Now a certain man was there who had an infirmity thirty-eight years. {6} When Jesus saw him lying there, and knew that he already had been in that condition a long time, He said to him, "Do you want to be made well?"

{7} The sick man answered Him, "Sir, I

have no man to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; but while I am coming, another steps down before me."

{8} Jesus said to him, "Rise, take up your bed and walk." {9} And immediately the man was made well, took up his bed, and walked. And that day was the Sabbath.

{10} The Jews therefore said to him who was cured, "It is the Sabbath; it is not lawful for you to carry your bed."

{11} He answered them, "He who made me well said to me, 'Take up your bed and walk.'"

{12} Then they asked him, "Who is the Man who said to you, 'Take up your bed and walk'?" {13} But the one who was healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had withdrawn, a multitude being in that place.



{14} Afterward Jesus found him in the temple, and said to him, "See, you have been made well. Sin no more, lest a worse thing come upon you." {15} The man departed and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had made him well.

When they heard this they began to persecute Jesus and planned to kill Him because they thought that by healing the man on the Sabbath He had intentionally broken the Sabbath laws.

Jesus responded by saying, "My Father has been working until now, and I have been working." This only made the Jews even more angry because now they thought that He was speaking blasphemy; He was making Himself equal to God.

Jesus continued by saying that the way to achieve eternal life is by going through God's Son. If someone rejects God's Son as the way to achieve salvation then they are turning their back

on the only chance they have to be free of sin.

Jesus then pointed out some of the ways that people should be able to recognize that He is the Messiah. First of all John the Baptist went before Him preaching about Jesus' coming.

Secondly Jesus said that there are many prophecies in the Old Testament that point to Him. The miracles that Jesus performed pointed to the fact that He is the Son of God, and finally Jesus said to the Jews that if they really believed what Moses had said, they would believe in Him because even Moses wrote about Him

Jesus is able to take care of not only man's physical weaknesses but also his spiritual disease. Because of man's faith in Jesus his sins are forgiven. Jesus explained this very thing to the Jews when they came to Him. However, they rejected Jesus as their only way of salvation from sin.

**What God's Word Tells Us** - Fill in the blank using the words in the box.

believe	disease	heaven	miracle	sickness
casually	eventually	Jesus	react	sin
claimed	faith	kill	Scripture	testifies
dig	healed	leaders	search	

Jesus h\_\_\_\_\_ the sick man by His divine power. Disease is a result of s\_\_\_\_\_. Even those people Jesus healed e\_\_\_\_\_ died. The final healing from d\_\_\_\_\_ will not take place until we are with Jesus in h\_\_\_\_\_.

J\_\_\_\_\_ heals us too. However He does not heal all diseases nor does He always do so with a m\_\_\_\_\_ like He did at the pool. Even a s\_\_\_\_\_ has a purpose in strengthening our f\_\_\_\_\_ and bringing us closer to Jesus.

The Jewish l\_\_\_\_\_ rejected Jesus and even wanted to k\_\_\_\_\_  
 Him, not because He healed on the Sabbath Day, but because Jesus c\_\_\_\_\_  
 to be the Son of God. (John 5:18) People today also r\_\_\_\_\_ strongly to Jesus'  
 claim to be the Son of God.

Jesus is revealed in the S\_\_\_\_\_. The Old Testament t\_\_\_\_\_  
 concerning Him. Jesus encourages us to s\_\_\_\_\_ the Scriptures. We are not  
 to c\_\_\_\_\_ read the Bible just on Sundays. We are to d\_\_\_\_\_ into the Bible  
 daily. If someone does not b\_\_\_\_\_ the words of God in the Bible, he will not  
 believe Jesus.

**What the Story Tells Us** - Fill in the Crossword Puzzle using the words in the box.

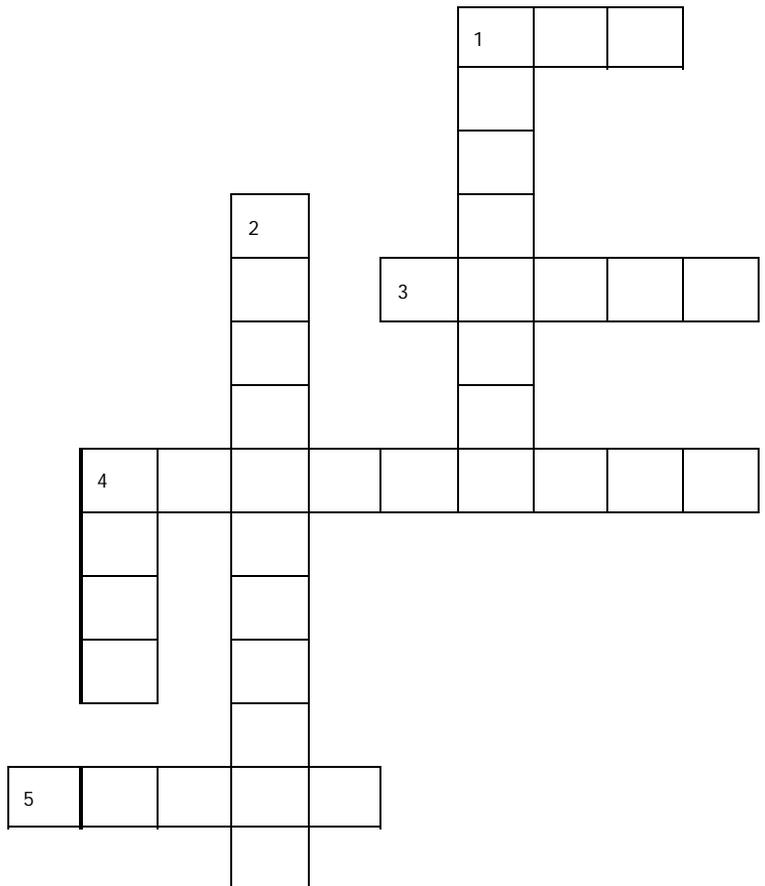
Jesus	Jerusalem
Sabbath	angel
Bethesda	Jews
infirmities	bed

**Across**

- Jesus told the man to pick up his \_\_\_\_.
- \_\_\_\_\_ healed the man.
- This took place in \_\_\_\_\_.
- An \_\_\_\_ stirred up the water.

**Down**

- The name of the pool.
- The man was healed of his \_\_\_\_\_.
- The \_\_\_\_ scolded the man for carrying his bed.



## **Outer Aim - Jesus took away the man's sickness and revealed Himself as the Son of God.**

### **Passages**

2 Timothy 3:15-16 - And that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness.

John 5:39 - You search the Scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life; and these are they which testify of Me.

## **Inner Aim - Jesus takes away my sins and reveals Himself through the Holy Scriptures.**

### **Hymn - TLH #290 v. 1, 3, 4**

We have a sure prophetic Word  
By inspiration of the Lord;  
And tho' assailed on ev'ry hand,  
Jehovah's Word shall ever stand.

Lo, what the Word in times of old  
Of future days and deeds foretold  
Is all fulfilled while ages roll,  
As traced on the prophetic scroll.

Abiding, steadfast, firm, and sure  
The teachings of the Word endure.  
Blest he who trusts this steadfast Word;  
His anchor holds in Christ, the Lord.

### **Prayer**

Dear Lord,

Thank You for allowing us to gather together in order to study Your Word. Thank You for this reminder that You will always take away our infirmities, whether by healing us or by taking us to be with You in heaven where there will be no more sickness or death. Let not our will but Your's be done. Amen.