

I HAVE NO MAN TO PUT ME INTO THE POOL JOHN 5

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Introduction:

It was the time of the Jews annual Feast of the Passover, one of the three great religious feasts celebrated during the year. Jesus was in Jerusalem to observe the feast. But on this particular day, instead of finding Jesus in the Temple, we find Him instead in the area know as Bethesda. There was a pool of water in this area called the Pool of Bethesda.

It's here that we see Jesus ministering to another individual.

Note:

1. THE DEPRESSING SCENE

John 5:1-4

¹After this there was a feast of the Jews; and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ²Now there is at Jerusalem by the sheep *market* a pool, which is called in the Hebrew tongue Bethesda, having five porches. ³In these lay a great multitude of impotent folk, of blind, halt, withered, waiting for the moving of the water. ⁴For an angel went down at a certain season into the pool, and troubled the water: whosoever then first after the troubling of the water stepped in was made whole of whatsoever disease he had.

There were five porches around this pool. We can imagine the scores of sick people on cots and mats. In their desperation to be healed, they had been brought here by friends or relatives. This was their last hope.

2. THE DESTITUTE MAN

John 5:5-7

⁵And a certain man was there, which had an infirmity thirty and eight years. ⁶When Jesus saw him lie, and knew that he had been now a long time *in that case*, he saith unto him, Wilt thou be made whole? ⁷The impotent man answered him, Sir, I have no man, when the water is troubled, to put me into the pool: but while I am coming, another steppeth down before me.

A. He had been in this condition for 38 years.

B. He had no one to place him in the pool.

3. THE DELIVERING SAVIOR

John 5:8-15

⁸ Jesus saith unto him, Rise, take up thy bed, and walk. ⁹ And immediately the man was made whole, and took up his bed, and walked: and on the same day was the sabbath. ¹⁰ The Jews therefore said unto him that was cured, It is the sabbath day: it is not lawful for thee to carry *thy* bed. ¹¹ He answered them, He that made me whole, the same said unto me, Take up thy bed, and walk. ¹² Then asked they him, What man is that which said unto thee, Take up thy bed, and walk? ¹³ And he that was healed wist not who it was: for Jesus had conveyed himself away, a multitude being in *that* place. ¹⁴ Afterward Jesus findeth him in the temple, and said unto him, Behold, thou art made whole: sin no more, lest a worse thing come unto thee. ¹⁵ The man departed, and told the Jews that it was Jesus, which had made him whole.

Jesus instructed this man to do three things. Note:

A. Rise

Sometimes when the Lord would take an individual who He was helping or healing by the hand and lift them to their feet. But in this case the Lord tells this man to rise on his own.

B. Take up thy bed

He would not need this bed any longer.

C. Walk

Jesus tells him to walk. Walk away from this place a scene of hopelessness.

Close:

We see many things in this story that apply to people today. There are many who are hopelessly looking for help. Many have tried a lot of things, but to no avail.

Many are looking for someone who can lead them to the One who can change them, the Lord Jesus Christ.