

#### SEVEN SIGNS IN JOHN

Raising Lazarus (11:1-45)

PROVES POWER OVER ...

Death & life

Water into wine (2:1-11) Nature, creation Healing an official's son (4:46-54) Disease, distance Healing an invalid (5:1-18) Physical infirmities Feeding the 5,000 (6:5-14) Providing necessities Walking on the water (6:16-21) Nature, forces of nature Healing a blind man (9:1-7) Darkness / light, ignorance

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#### The **CONTEXT**

- ▶ Jesus' successful Journey through Samaria & return back to Galilee (chapter 4).
- Chapters 5 & 6 emphasize the unbelief of the Jews in Jerusalem despite the signs.
- Many turn away from Him in Bethsaida because of His teaching (6:60; Luke 9:10).

<sup>1</sup> After this there was a feast of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. <sup>2</sup> Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate a pool, which is called in Hebrew, Bethesda, having five porches. <sup>3</sup> In these lay a great multitude of sick people, blind, lame, paralyzed, waiting for the moving of the water. <sup>4</sup> 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.

<sup>5</sup> Now a certain man was there who had an infirmity thirty-eight years. <sup>6</sup> 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.

<sup>10</sup> 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Man who said to you, 'Take up your bed and walk'?" 13 But the one who was healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had withdrawn, a multitude being in that place. 14 Afterward Jesus found him in the temple, and said to him, "See, you have been made well.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. 16 For this reason the Jews persecuted Jesus, and sought to kill Him, because He had done these things on the Sabbath. 17 But Jesus answered them, "My Father has been working until now, and I have been working." 18 Therefore the Jews sought all the more to kill Him, because He not only broke the Sabbath, but also said that God was His Father, making Himself equal with God.

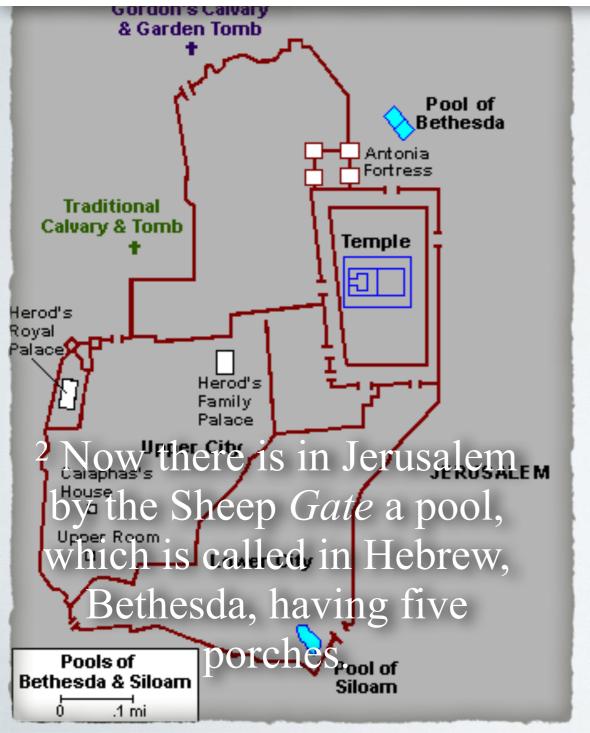
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#### JESUS IN JERUSALEM

- We do not know how much time elapsed between chapters 4 and 5.
- The particular feast is not known (Passover, Pentecost, Tabernacles Deut 16:16)
- ▶ John mentions three Passovers Jesus attended in Jerusalem (2:23; 6:4; 11:55).

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#### JESUS AT THE TEMPLE

- North of the temple area was a pool called Bethesda
- Excavations of a two pools near the Sheep Gate have uncovered five porticoes, confirming the accuracy of the description given here.
- The porches provided some shelter to the sick & infirm who would come to the pool begging for alms waiting for the waters to move, believing the first in would be healed (3)

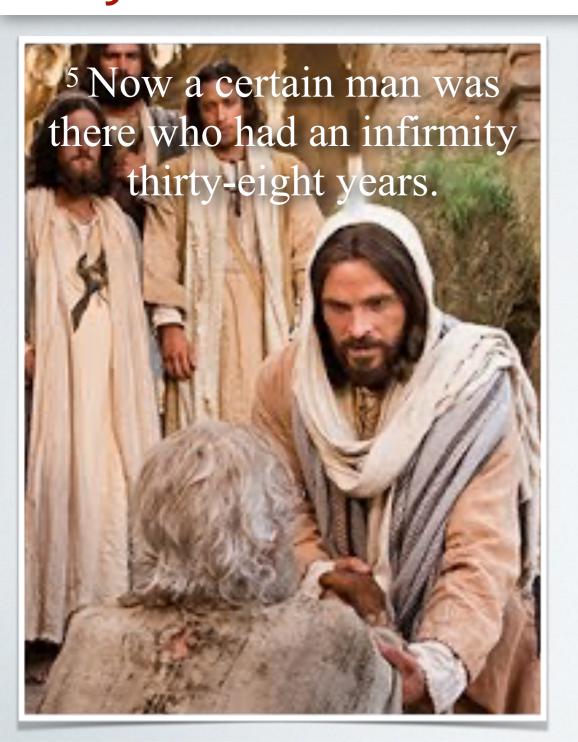
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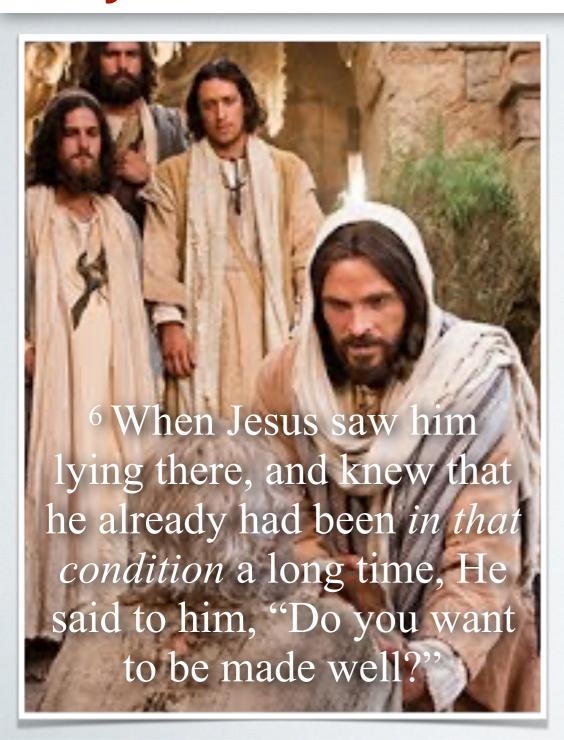
- ➤ Verses 3b-4 are not in any extant Greek manuscript prior to AD 400 and appear to be a late insertion to explain why the pool water was "stirred" (v. 7).
- People at that time apparently believed that an angel came and stirred it & the first one in the water would be healed.

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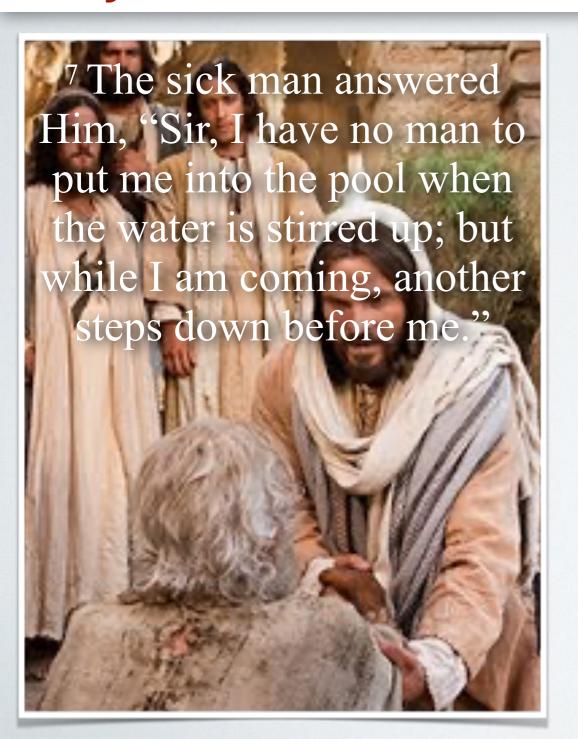
- A man who had been afflicted for 38 years with some type of physical problem which hindered his ability to take care of himself (6,7)
- ▶ We CANNOT solve our greatest problem ourselves (Eph. 2:1-9)

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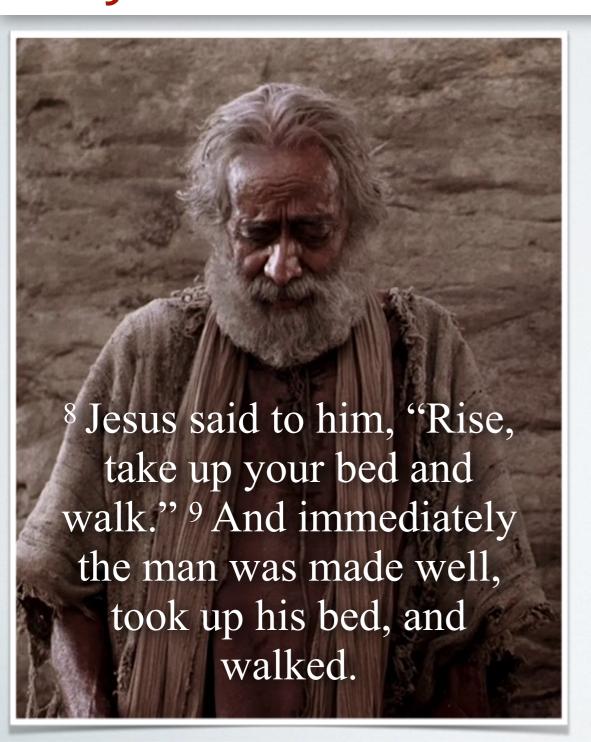
- lesus perceived the situation by His knowledge.
- ▶ Jesus' question, "Do you want to be made well?" may strike us as strange, after all, wasn't that why he was there? But he was seeking healing from the wrong source (Mat 15:7-9; Rom. 10:3)
- Also some are satisfied & comfortable with their infirmities and not willing to do what is necessary to be healed ((2 Thes 2:12; Rev. 3:17,18)

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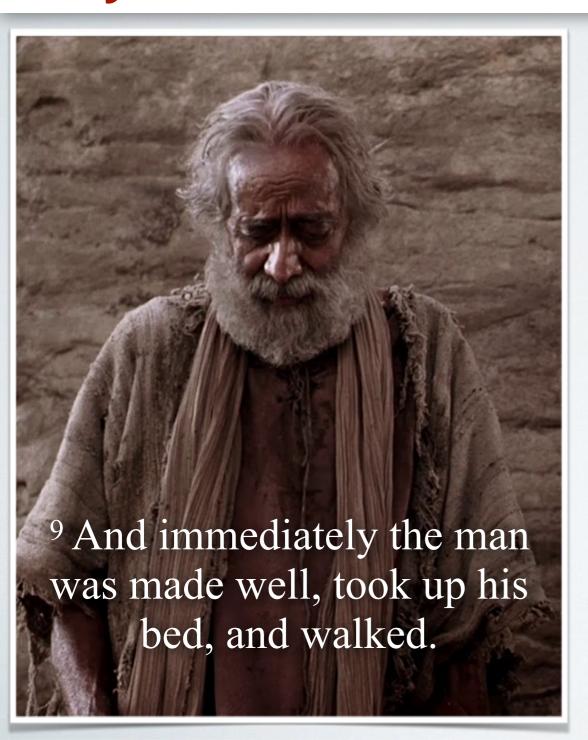
- The man was in a hopeless condition! He could not heal himself (7)
- Also there were those who prevented him from entering the water (7)
- Nould he have been healed even if he made it to the mystical pool?

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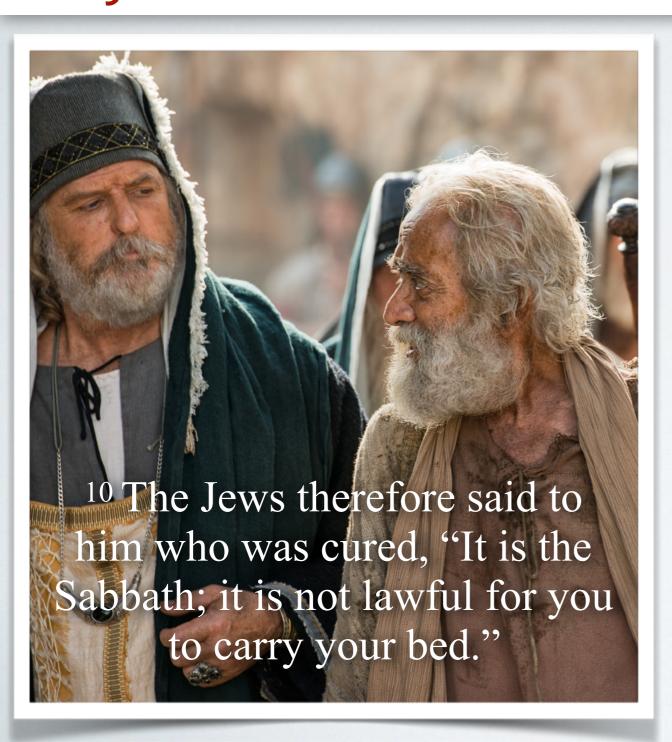
- All that was required on the part of this man was simple, child like faith and obedience "Rise ..." (Mk 16:16; Acts 22:16; Col. 2:12,13)
- ▶ Jesus tells the man to do that which he could not do on his own (Eph 2:8-10; 6:10-18; Phili 4:13).

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- When this man responded to Jesus' command by faith, he was immediately healed and he was able to get up and walk (2 Kings 5; Acts 2:38; Rom. 6:3-6)

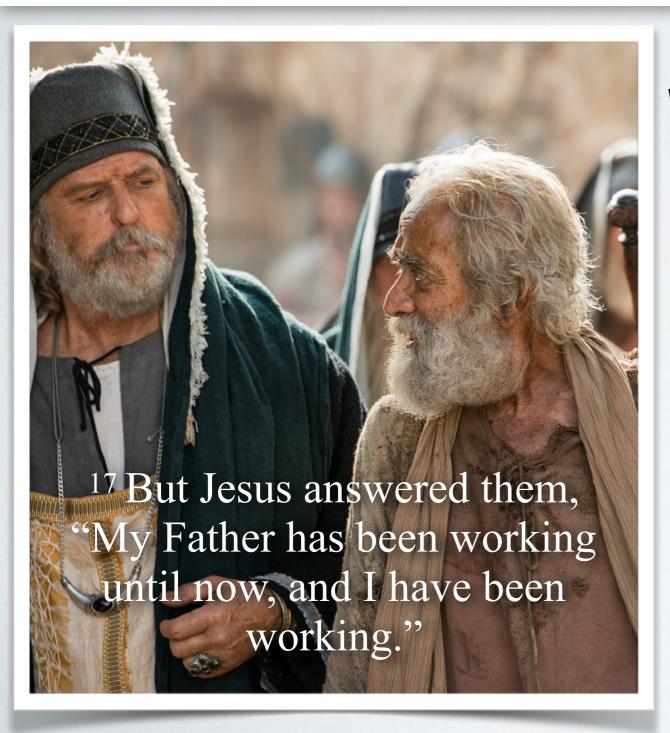
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#### Haters Will Hate (10-16)

- This was on the Sabbath which was a matter of contention between Jesus & Jewish leaders (10; Mk 2:23; 3:4).
- The healed man recognized Jesus' authority as superior to those who rebuked him (11)
- The miracles and signs of Jesus did not change the minds of those hardened against the truth (11-16; Mat. 13:12-15; Rom 2:5-7)

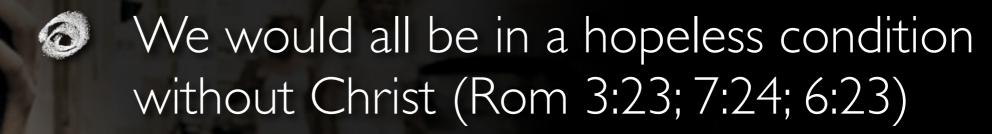
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#### Jesus's Works Testify To WHO He IS (17,18)

- Despite the works many refused to believe (18).
- The signs pointed to WHO Jesus is and demonstrated His power to save us from sin (19-30).
- They had rejected John the baptizer, the Father's testimony, and Moses, whom they professed to follow, therefore they also rejected Jesus (31-47).

### LESSONS & APPLICATIONS



Many seek the wrong kind of healing (Phil 3:19)

Many seek spiritual healing from sources incapable of providing it (Rom. 10:1-4; Mat. 15:7-9; Col. 2:8)

Many seek to keep others from being spiritually healed by Christ (2 Pet. 2:1-3)

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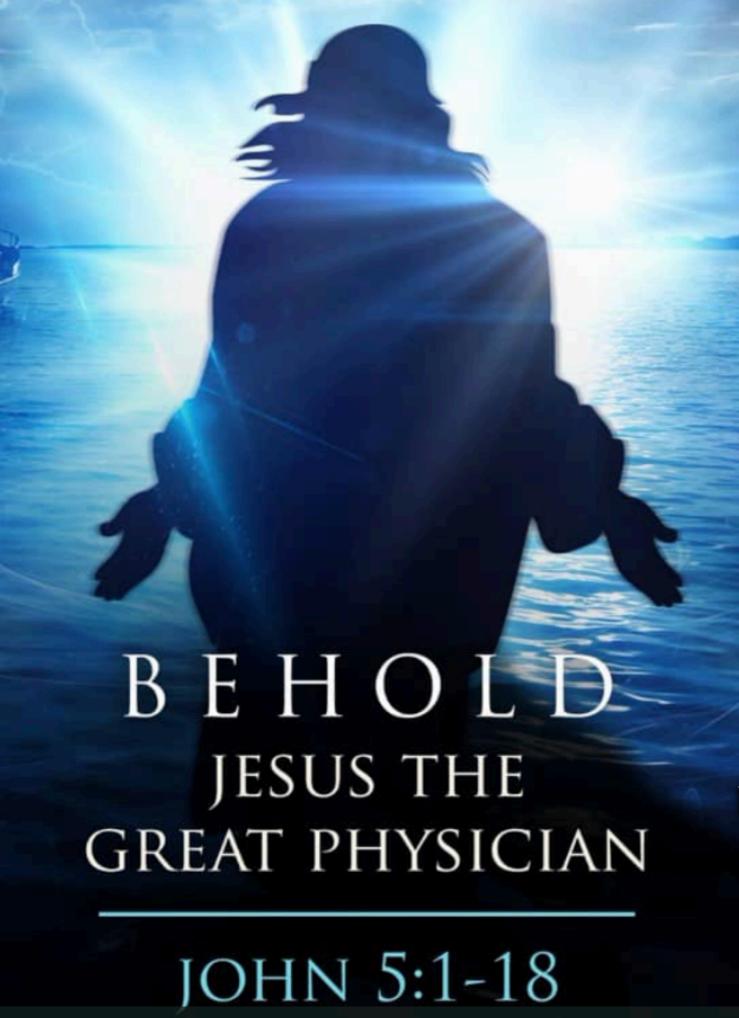
- Spiritual healing only comes when we have faith sufficient to arise and obey (Acts 22:16; Hebrews 11; James 2:19-25; 2:14-26)
- We MUST follow the authority of Christ and NOT the authority of men (Mat. 15:7-9; 22:23-27; Col. 3:17)
  - Many reject the **evidence** and instruction God has given (Mat. 7:13,14, 21-23; 2 Thes. 2:10-12; 1 Jn 5:10,19).
  - Those who reject the **evidence** and **instruction** God has given cannot come to saving faith (John 6:44,45; 8:24; Luke 6:46; James 1:21; Heb. 11:6)

#### **LESSONS & APPLICATIONS**



- Our spiritual hearing?
- Our spiritual sight?
- Our spiritual heart?
- Our spiritual **activities**? (walking / talking / working)

JESUS CAN AND WILL HEAL US
IF WE WILL TRUST & OBEY



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#### Matthew 9:1–8 (NKJV)

<sup>1</sup> So He got into a boat, crossed over, and came to His own city. <sup>2</sup> Then behold, they brought to Him a paralytic lying on a bed. When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, "Son, be of good cheer; your sins are forgiven you." <sup>3</sup> And at once some of the scribes said within themselves, "This Man blasphemes!" 4 But Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, "Why do you think evil in your hearts? <sup>5</sup> For which is easier, to say, 'Your sins are forgiven you,' or to say, 'Arise and walk'? <sup>6</sup> But that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins"—then He said to the paralytic, "Arise, take up your bed, and go to your house." <sup>7</sup> And he arose and departed to his house. <sup>8</sup> Now when the multitudes saw it, they marveled and glorified God, who had given such power to men.