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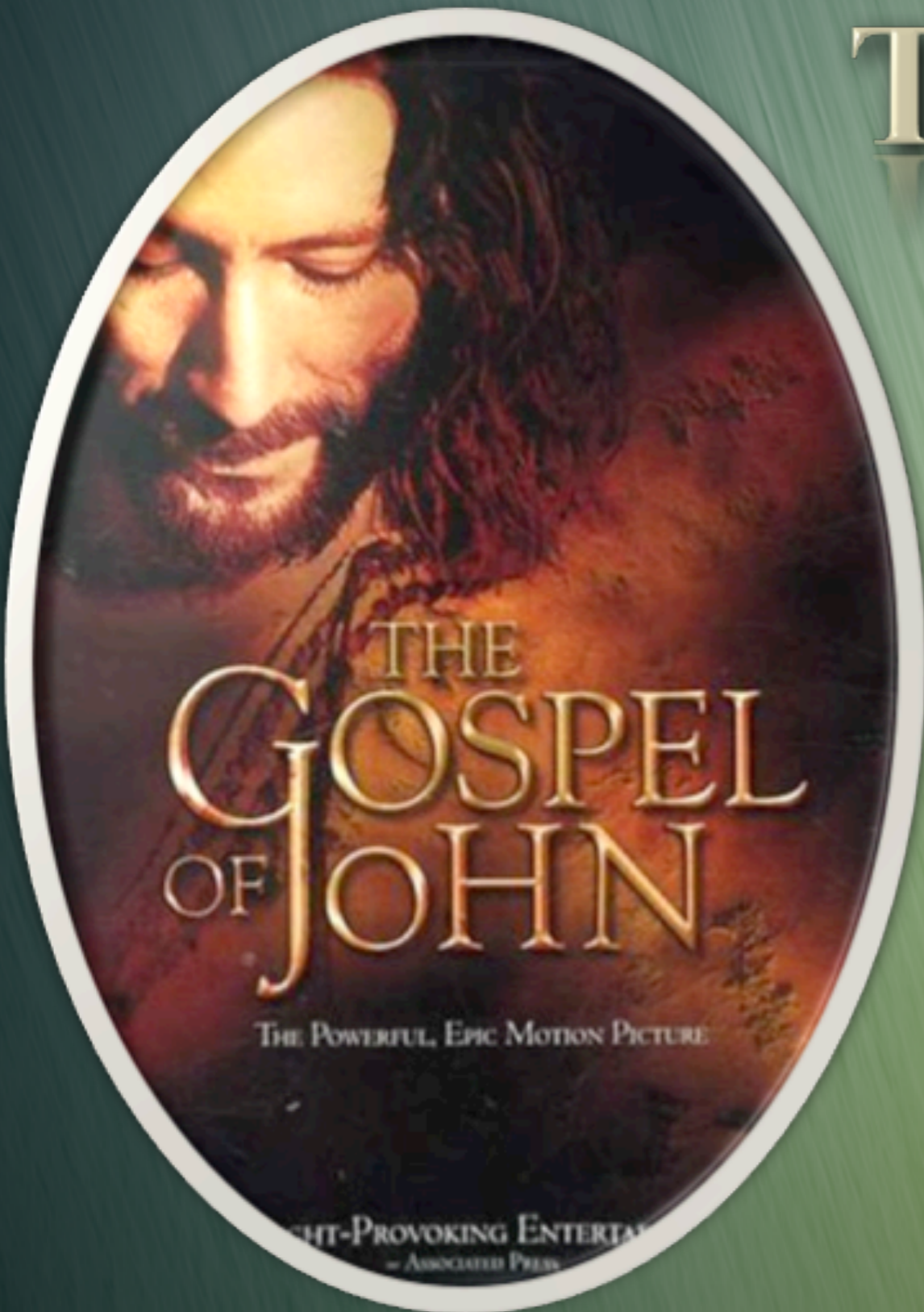
**"DO YOU WANT TO BE MADE WELL"
(JOHN 5:1-15)**

“Do You Want To Be Made Well”

THEME

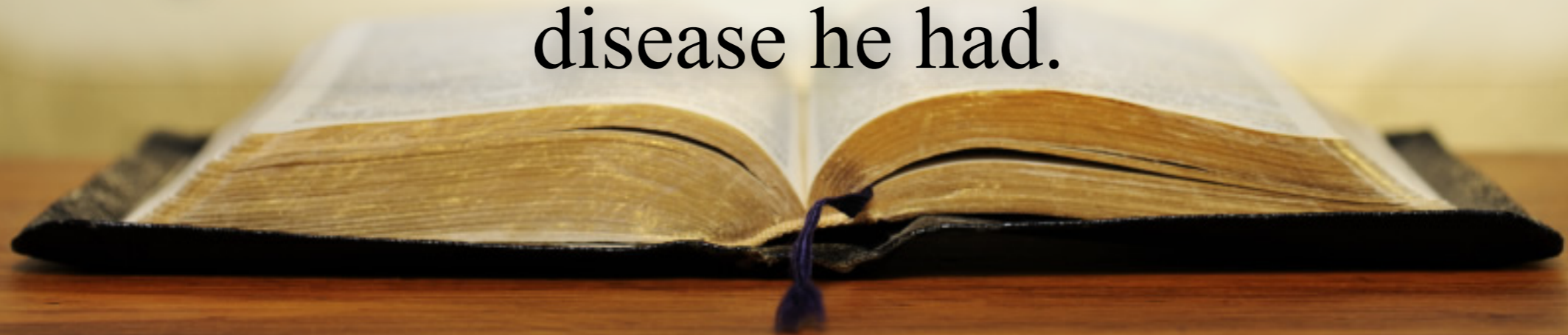
John 20:30-31 (NKJV)

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John 5:1-15 (NKJV)

¹ 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.



John 5:1-15 (NKJV)

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."



John 5:1-15 (NKJV)

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.'"



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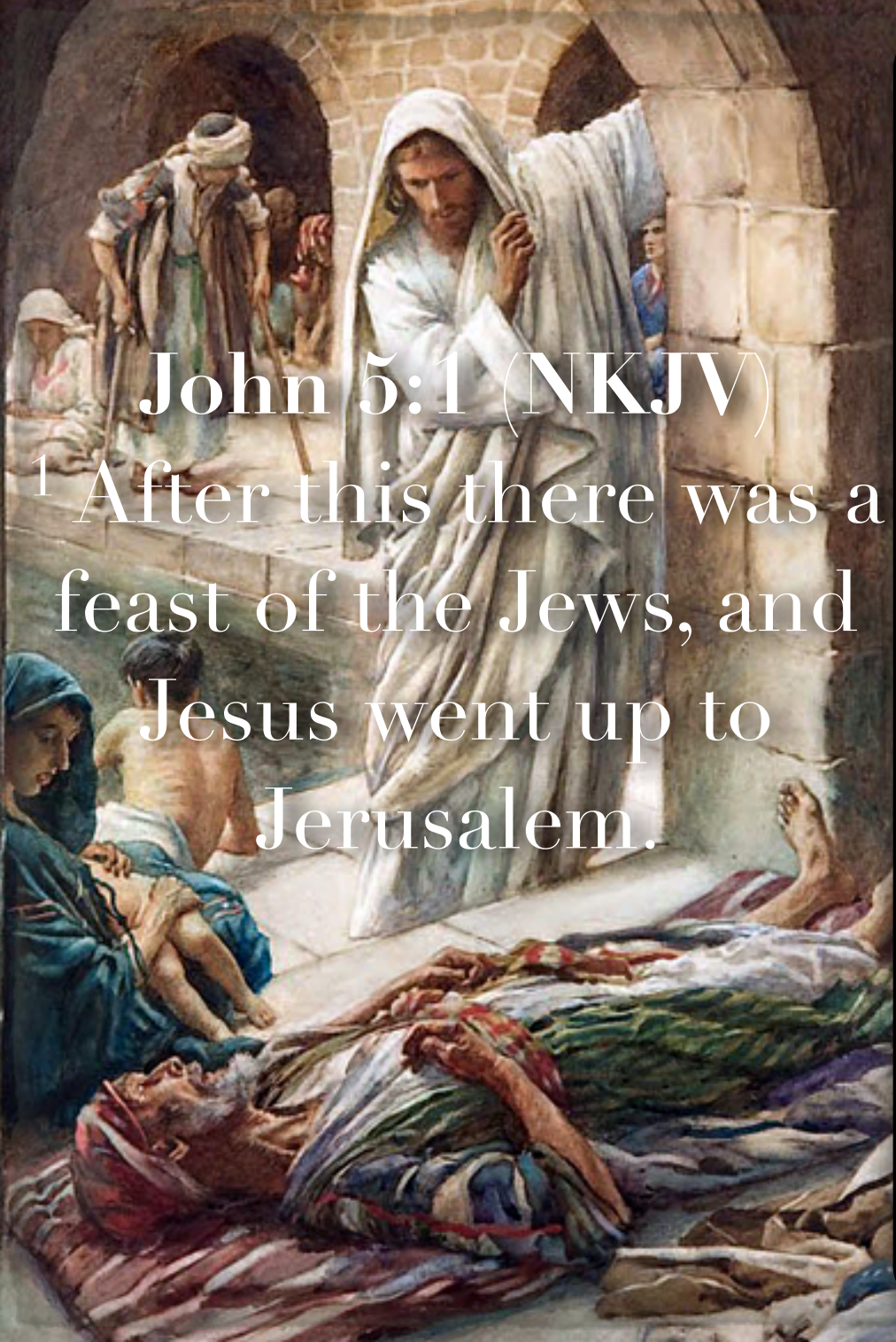
THE CONTEXT – (CHAPTERS 5 & 6)



- ◆ Chapter five begins a distinct section.
- ◆ After Jesus' successful Journey through Samaria & return back to Galilee, Chapters 5 & 6 emphasize the unbelief of the Jews in Jerusalem & many turning away from Him in Bethsaida – (6:60; Luke 9:10)

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JESUS BACK IN JERUSALEM – (5:1-4)



John 5:1 (NKJV)

¹ After this there was a feast of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

- ◆ "After this" – we do not know how much time elapsed between the end of ch 4 and the beginning of ch 5.
- ◆ The particular feast is not known. Many suppose the Passover because some manuscripts read "the feast."
- ◆ Jesus attended three other Passovers (2:23; 6:4; 11:55).

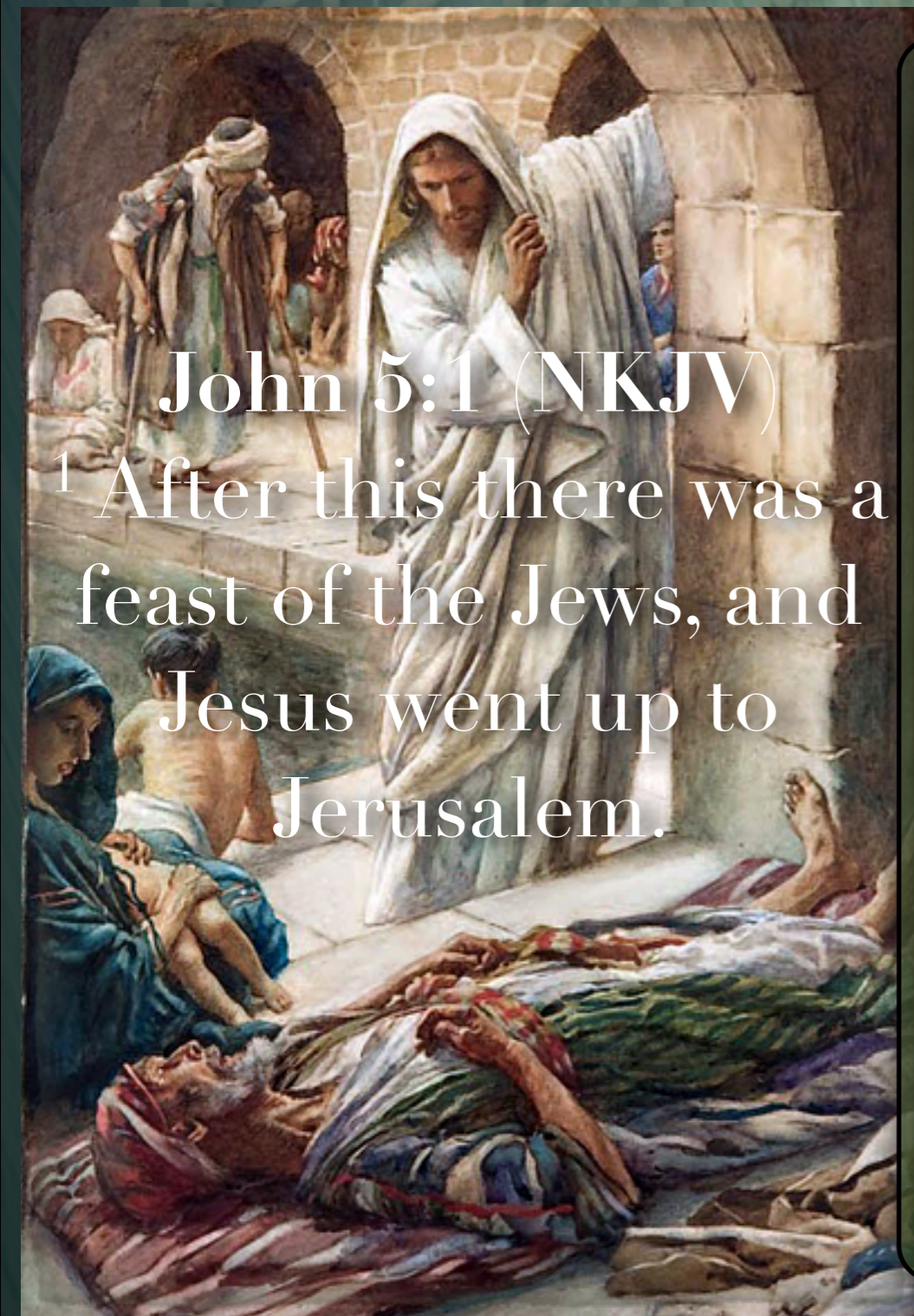
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- ✦ But it could have been any one of the three major feast – (Passover, Pentecost, Tabernacles) – (Deut 16:16)
- ✦ John probably intended only to give a reason why Jesus was in Jerusalem.

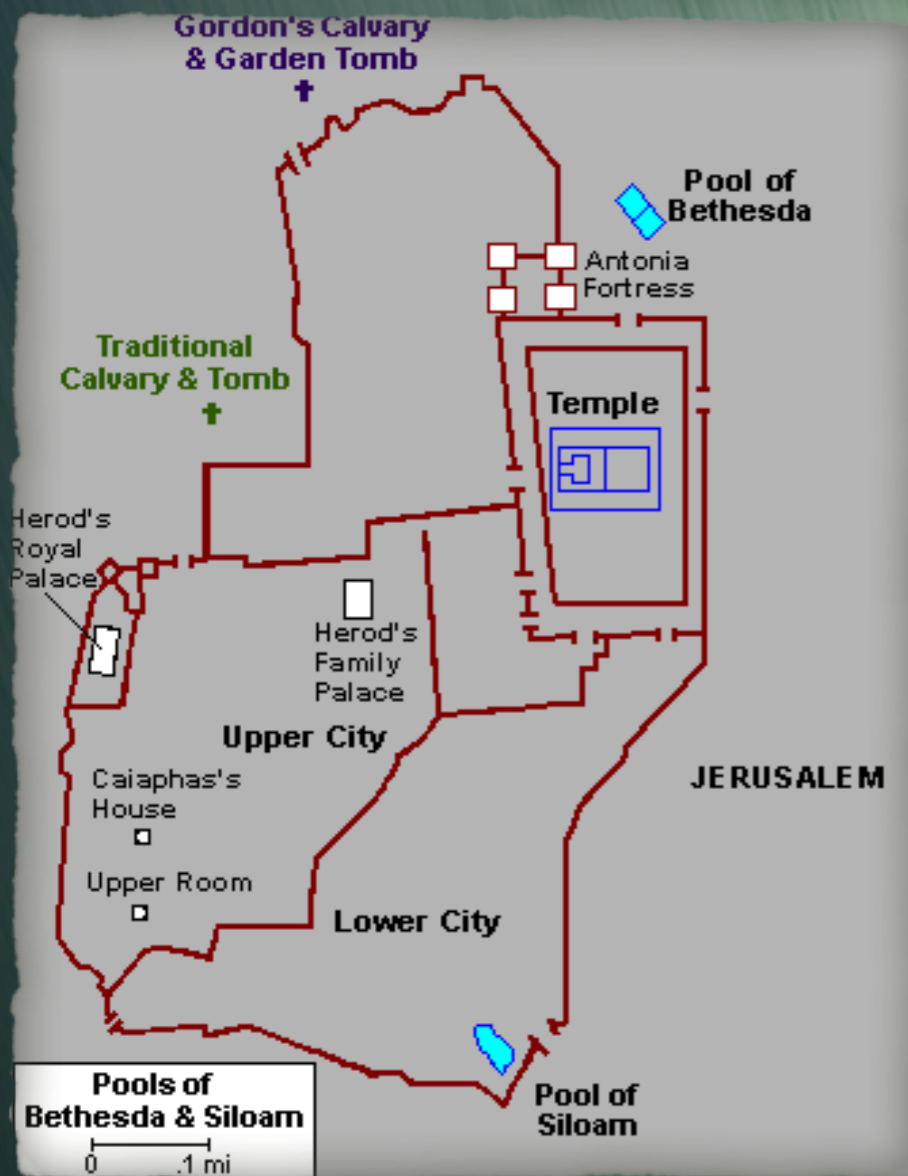


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JESUS BACK IN JERUSALEM – (5:1-4)

John 5:2 (NKJV)

² Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep *Gate* a pool, which is called in Hebrew, Bethesda, having five porches.



- ✦ North of the temple area was a pool called Bethesda
- ✦ The excavations of a two pools near the Sheep Gate have uncovered five porticoes, confirming the accuracy of the description given here.

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JESUS BACK IN JERUSALEM – (5:1-4)



John 5:3 (NKJV)

³ In these lay a great multitude of sick people, blind, lame, paralyzed, waiting for the moving of the water.

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- ◆ The porches provided some shelter to the many sick and infirm who would come to the pool hoping to be healed
- ◆ These unfortunate people would sit there begging for alms waiting for them to move, believing the first in would be healed.

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John 5:4 (NKJV)

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- ◆ The earliest manuscripts omit these words which appear to be a late insertion to explain why the pool water was "stirred" (v. 7).
- ◆ No extant Greek manuscript before a.d. 400 contains these words.

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- ✦ The earliest manuscripts omit these words which appear to be a late insertion to explain why the pool water was "stirred" (v. 7).
- ✦ People believed that an angel came and stirred it & the first one in the water would be healed.

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JESUS' HEALING OF A PARALYTIC (5:5-15)



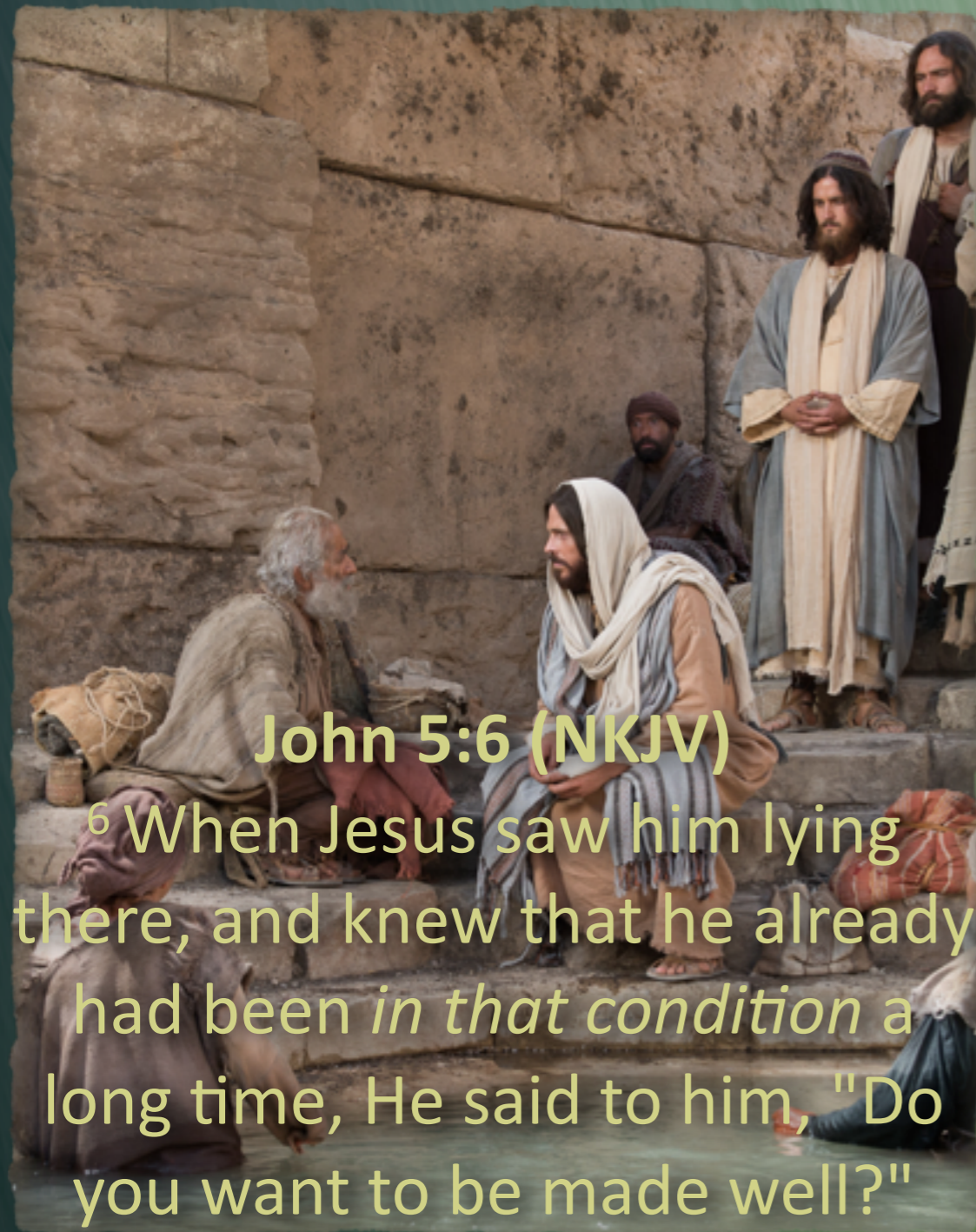
John 5:5 (NKJV)

⁵ Now a certain man was there who had an infirmity thirty-eight years.

- ✦ Jesus picked a certain invalid on a Sabbath Day (v. 9) at a feast time, a man who had been afflicted for 38 years.
- ✦ John did not say what kind of physical problem he had or if it was from birth. In any case his condition was hopeless.

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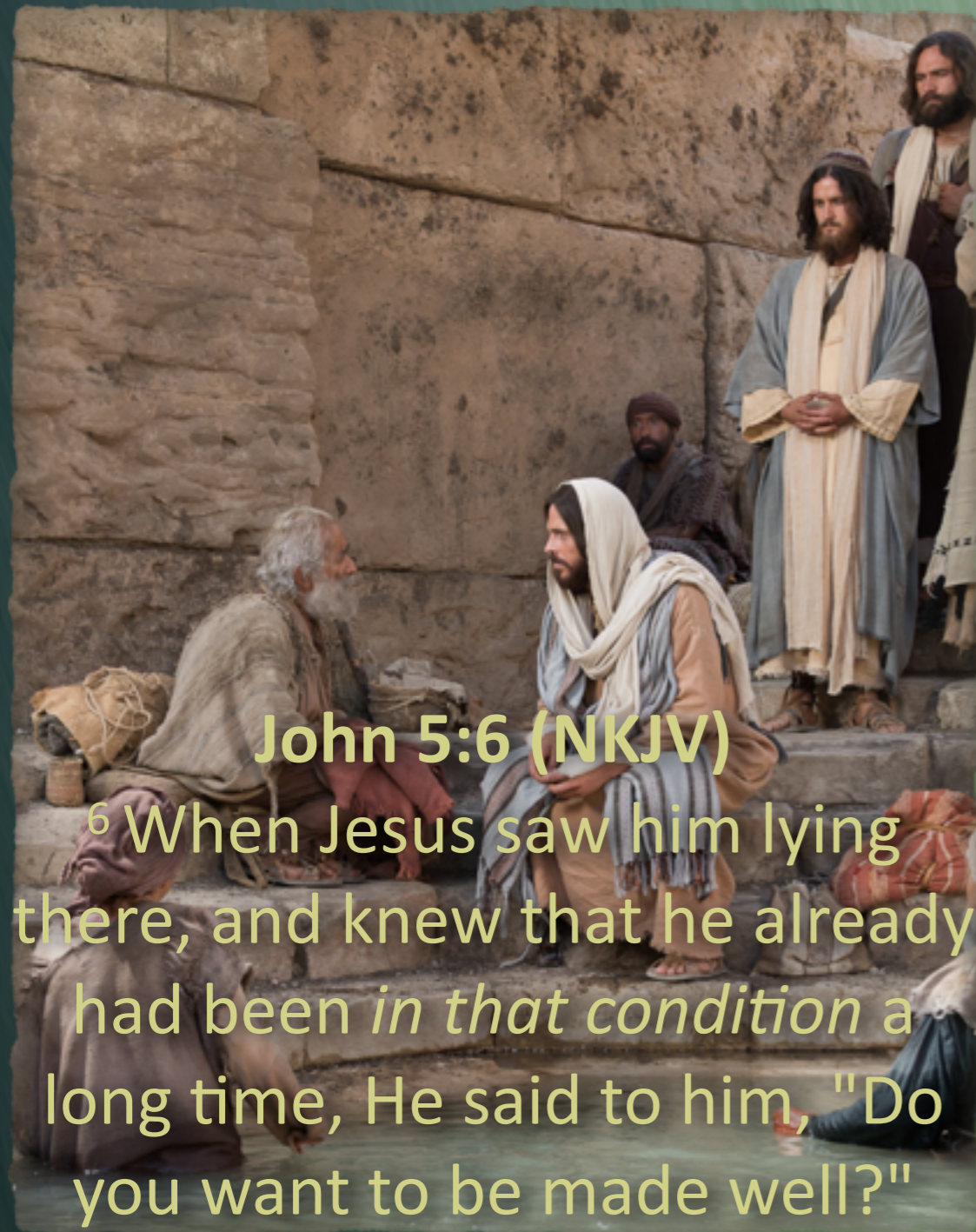
John 5:6 (NKJV)

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?"

- ✦ Jesus perceived the situation by His knowledge – (He did not have to ask others!)
- ✦ Jesus' seemingly strange question – "Do you want to be made well?" –
- ✦ Some are satisfied & comfortable with their infirmities . . .

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- ◆ In the spiritual realm man's great problem is that either he does not recognize he is sick (cf. Isa. 1:5-6; Luke 5:31) or he does not want to be cured.
- ◆ People are often happy, for a while at least, in their sins. (2 Thes 2:12)

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John 5:7,8 (NKJV)

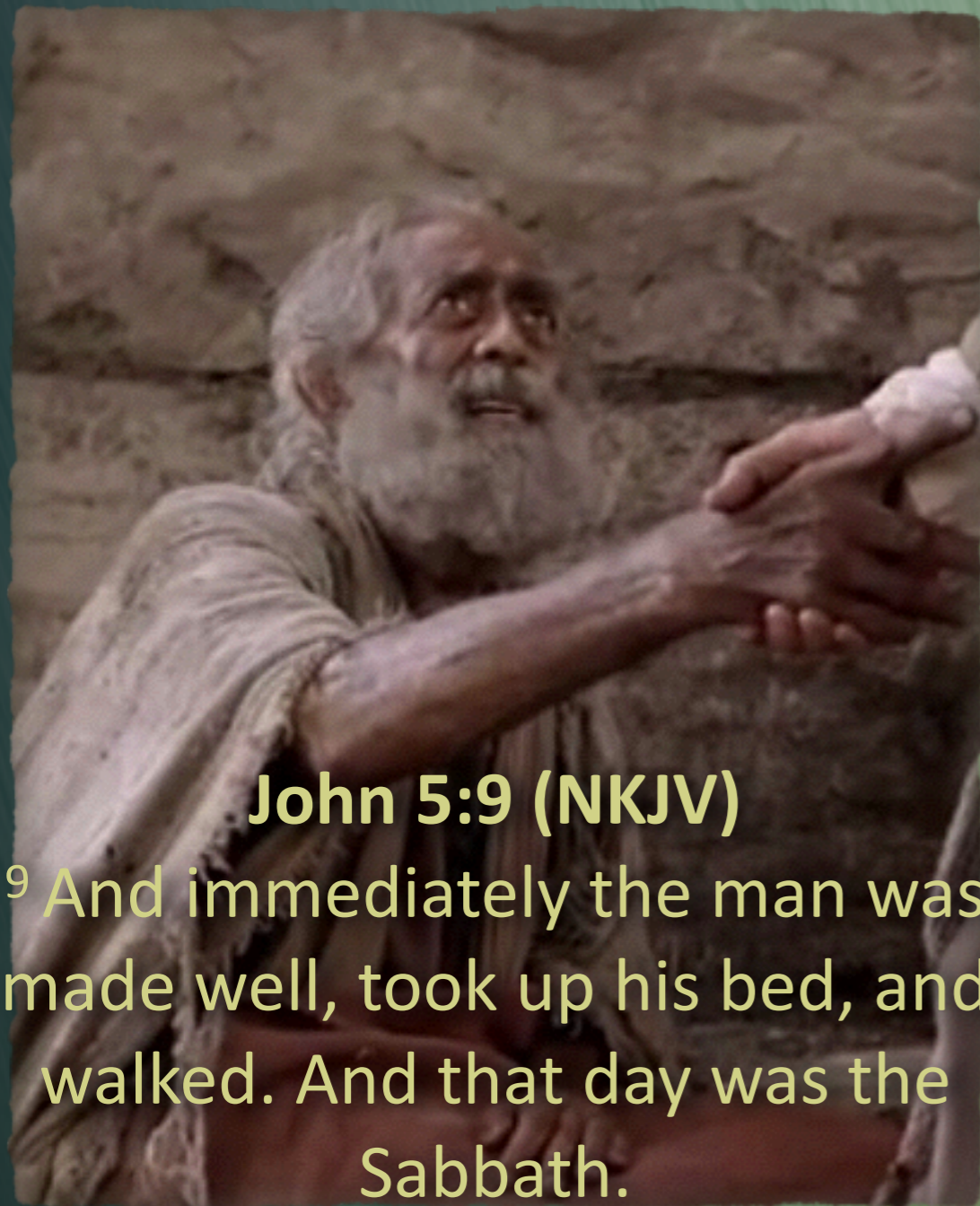
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⁸ Jesus said to him, "Rise, take up your bed and walk."

- ◆ The man was in a hopeless condition – as are all who are in sin without Christ – (Rom 7:24; 6:23)
- ◆ Jesus tells the man to do that which he could not do on his own unless healed – (Eph 6:10-18; Phil 4:13; Eph 2:8-10)

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John 5:9 (NKJV)

⁹ And immediately the man was made well, took up his bed, and walked. And that day was the Sabbath.

- ◆ God's supernatural power was evident in the man's instantaneous cure. Here in Jerusalem was a public sign that the Messiah had come. (Isa. 35:1-7)
- ◆ This was on the Sabbath – A matter of contention between Jesus & Jewish Leaders – (MK 2:23; 3:4).

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John 5:9 (NKJV)

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

- ◆ The Jews' rigid tradition (not the Old Testament) taught that if anyone carried anything from a public place to a private place on the Sabbath intentionally, he deserved death by stoning.

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John 5:11 (NKJV)

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

- ◆ The man does not quibble with these traditionalist – he was following the orders of One Who had healed Him, for His authority was clearly superior to theirs by virtue of His power to heal.

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JESUS' HEALING OF A PARALYTIC (5:5-15)



John 5:12-13 (NKJV)

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.

- ◆ The healed man's point was completely lost with these guardians of tradition – they demanded to know who instructed him to violate the Law.
- ◆ The man did not know who healed him, for Jesus had left.

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JESUS' HEALING OF A PARALYTIC (5:5-15)



John 5:14-15 (NKJV)

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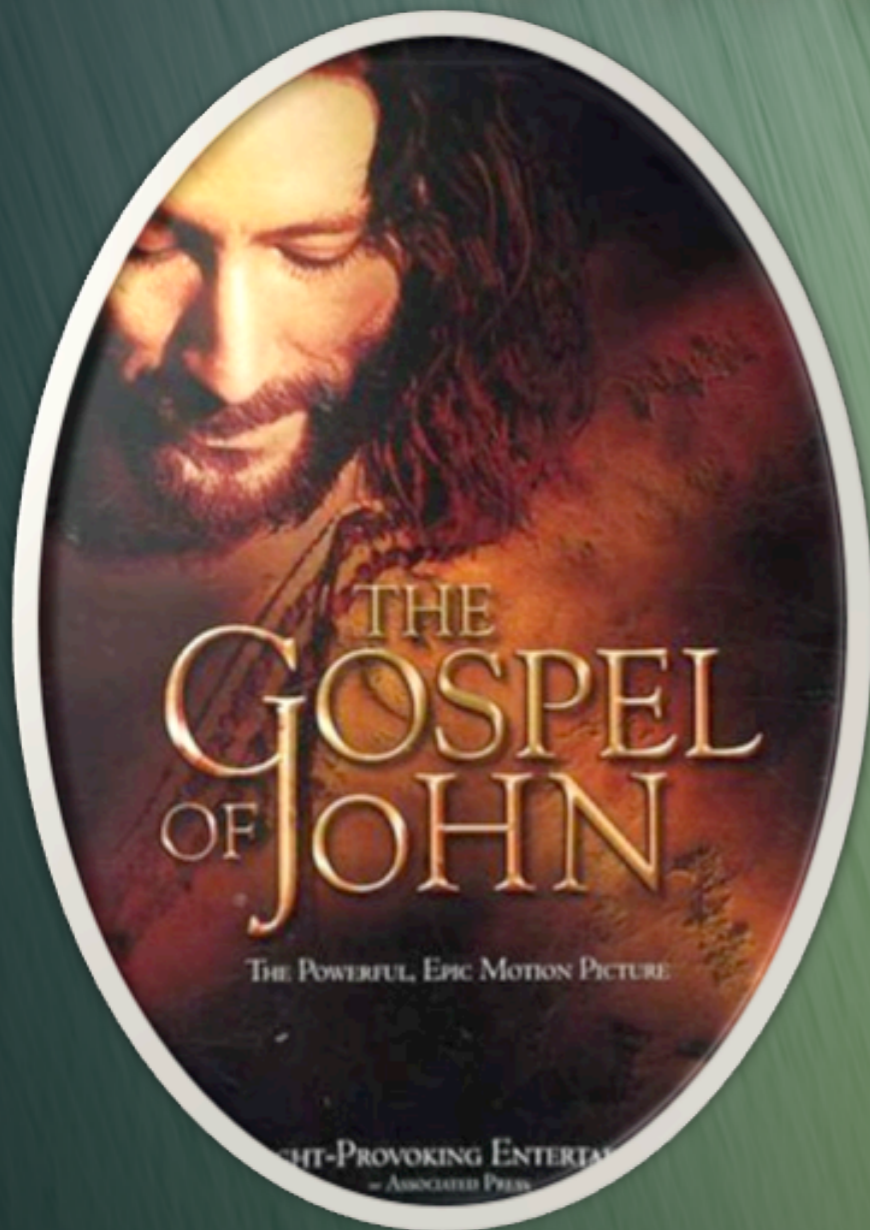
- ✦ It seems the man had gone to the temple to praise God – Jesus finds him there.
- ✦ A worse thing – worse sickness? Eternal loss?
- ✦ We are healed from sin to sin no more – Romans 6; 1 John 1:7-2:2

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Matthew 12:9-14 (NKJV)

⁹ Now when He had departed from there, He went into their synagogue. ¹⁰ And behold, there was a man who had a withered hand. And they asked Him, saying, "Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath?"--that they might accuse Him. ¹¹ Then He said to them, "What man is there among you who has one sheep, and if it falls into a pit on the Sabbath, will not lay hold of it and lift *it* out?"



Matthew 12:9-14 (NKJV)

¹² Of how much more value then is a man than a sheep? Therefore it is lawful to do good on the Sabbath." ¹³ Then He said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." And he stretched *it* out, and it was restored as whole as the other. ¹⁴ Then the Pharisees went out and plotted against Him, how they might destroy Him.

