



## **SERMON NOTES**

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Scripture: John 5:1-16 (NAS)

Topic: "A Miracle Creating Great Opposition"

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- 1 After these things 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 porticoes.
- 3 In these lay a multitude of those who were sick, blind, lame, and withered, [waiting for the moving of the waters;
- 4 for an angel of the Lord went down at certain seasons into the pool and stirred up the water; whoever then first, after the stirring up of the water, stepped in was made well from whatever disease with which he was afflicted.]
- 5 A man was there who had been ill for thirty-eight years.
- 6 When Jesus saw him lying there, and knew that he had already been a long time in that condition, He \*said to him, "Do you wish to get 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, "Get up, pick up your pallet and walk."
- 9 Immediately the man became well, and picked up his pallet and began to walk. Now it was the Sabbath on that day.
- 10 So the Jews were saying to the man who was cured, "It is the Sabbath, and it is not permissible for you to carry your pallet."
- 11 But he answered them, "He who made me well was the one who said to me, 'Pick up your pallet and walk.'"
- 12 They asked him, "Who is the man who said to you, 'Pick up your pallet and walk?'"
- 13 But the man who was healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had slipped away while there was a crowd in that place.
- 14 Afterward Jesus \*found him in the temple and said to him, "Behold, you have become well; do not sin anymore, so that nothing worse happens to you."
- 15 The man went away, and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had made him well.
- 16 For this reason the Jews were persecuting Jesus, because He was doing these things on the Sabbath.

### **I. JESUS' MIRACLES HAVE DIFFERING RESULTS**

- A. John Calls Them Signs
- B. Some Lead To Faith And Life
- C. Some Result In Unbelief And Persecution
- D. Authenticating Signs Of Jesus' Deity and Messiahship *Matthew 9:33; Mark 2:12; Matthew 11:4,5*
- E. They Drew Large Crowds From Many Locations *Matthew 4:25*

### **II. MANY PARTED WAYS FROM JESUS**

- A. For Some It Was His Teaching *John 6:66*

B. Many Swayed By Teaching Of Jewish Leaders *John 8:48; Matt. 12:24*

C. They Desire To Put Him To Death *John 7:25,44; 8:20*

D. Jewish Leaders Pressured People To Separate From Jesus *John 9:20-22*

### **III. THE MIRACLE AT THE POOL OF BETHESDA**

A. It Is The Commencement Of Open Persecution *vs. 16*

B. There Are Three Parties

1. Jesus
2. The Jews (Jewish leaders)
3. The Healed Man

C. The Pool

1. Superstitions surrounding it
2. The angel coming is an addition to original text

D. Jesus Showed Compassion For The Man By The Pool

1. He spoke to him
2. He healed him instantly, completely, no rehab

### **IV. THE RESULTS OF THE MIRACLE**

- A. The Man Did Not Come To Faith In Christ
- B. The Jews Were Furious That Jesus Did This On The Sabbath
- C. The Man Who Was Healed Rejected Jesus

### **CONCLUSION:**

What Is Your Response To Jesus?

1. Do you confess Him?
2. Speak often of Him?
3. Or do you deny Him with your silence?