

## John Chapter 5

Pool at Bethesda (house of mercy) - not recorded in any other Gospel. Most of the miracles recorded were in Galilee.

Jesus goes **up** for the Feast. Most likely Passover. He was always subjecting Himself to the Law.

Pool had produced healings. Multitudes of people were always there. Water was stirred. Angel stirred the water but the people had to get themselves in. Applies to physical and spiritual matters. Fed by waters from pool of Siloam- represents David.

Jesus- compassion, condescension , humility. He comes to heal the sick and seek the lost. He picks the one who is the most ill and had been so for the longest time. He is willing to heal if the man wants to be made whole. Applies to sin problem also. The man hadn't been able to help himself.

V8: arise and walk. Doesn't have to go into the pool. Again, man has to cooperate. Immediate demonstration - everyone sees the man get up.

The Law responds - the man cannot carry his bed on the Sabbath.

V11 - the man gives testimony about Jesus. He was healed and was testifying about the Healer. Same with our spiritual diseases. Jesus is greater than the Law. They ask who was the *man*.

V14: man had been physically cured. Now Jesus works on his spiritual cure.

V16: the leaders persecuted Jesus. They were so against Him that they would only be satisfied with His life. Covered their hatred with religious piety; it was the Sabbath.

V17: he calls God His Father. Greek means His *very own* Father. Can work on the Sabbath. He is Lord of the Sabbath. God works continually even though it is the Sabbath. Leaders are offended.

Explains that He is one with the Father. Most assuredly; Amen,Amen. This is Divine Revelation; we cannot know that on our own. Show He is the Mediator. Talks in the present tense. Always with the Father. He has the same powers as the Father.

V20- they would marvel at all that Jesus would do. Curing the man was minor compared to bringing the New Covenant.

Son can raise the dead and give life; like the Father. Son has His own Power. Not possible in nature. They are worthy of equal honor. Son has Life in Himself. Son is the Judge; not the Father. Because he is also the Son of Man. Understood man.

The New Covenant- if you hear the Word and believe you pass from death to life. The Law is superceded. Supercedes Moses and the Old Covenant. Spiritually dead people will hear the voice of the Son. Living faith in the Son will bring life.

V23- all men should honor the Son. Honor the Son as you honor the Father. Godhead. Father has sent the Son.

He does the Will of the Father. Acts in concert with the Father. Trinitarian action- not independent. The human will of Jesus is subjected to the Father. Will of the Father; empowered by the Spirit.

These claims of Jesus were unprecedented. Never heard before. This needed confirmation then and even in the future.

V 31-32 Jesus produces a Witness- the Father. Law requires two or three witnesses.

Mentions that John the Baptist bore witness to the Truth. The leaders had gone to him. But Jesus does not need testimony from men. The point of Christ's teaching was so men might be saved. Not to save His own Life.

The people respected John the Baptist. John was a light- Greek means a subordinate light. Burning light- zeal. They rejoiced for a while then they no longer did.

V36: Christ has a greater Light. The Father sent Him to do works; the works testify of Him. Appeal to man's senses. Always of compassion and concern. Prove He is from the Father.

Father gives testimony. If you don't have His Word in you, you do not accept Jesus. We don't see His Form or hear His voice but we have His Word in us. They should have understood Jesus because they had the Scripture. It was not in their hearts.

V39: those Scriptures are about *Him*. They study the Scriptures. They hear them read in cycles. States that they speak of Him and that coming to Him brings eternal life. Leaders knew the Scripture but missed Him. They all point to Him.

They don't receive Him even though He comes in the Father's name. They would receive someone who came in their own name. They reject Him even though He does signs and wonders.

*Moses* accuses them to the Father. Moses writes of *Him*. If they believed Moses' writings, they would believe in Jesus. The Law pointed to Him. The Feasts and the sacrifices pointed to Him. They searched and studied the Scripture but did not understand it. Moses would rise to condemn them.