

HEALED

After John the Baptist dies, and after sharing living water with the Samaritan woman, John continues to tell of the life and ministry of Jesus, and we see more signs that Jesus is the Messiah. As we see Christ heal physical affliction today, reflect on His role as the great Physician, and exactly what kind of healing Christ came to share with the world.

Prepare your Heart

Read and pray through Psalm 105. Praise God for His faithfulness to his people, seek His face, and remember the wondrous works He has done.

John 4:46-54 ⁴⁶ So he came again to Cana in Galilee, where he had made the water wine. And at Capernaum there was an official whose son was ill. ⁴⁷ When this man heard that Jesus had come from Judea to Galilee, he went to him and asked him to come down and heal his son, for he was at the point of death. ⁴⁸ So Jesus said to him, "Unless you see signs and wonders you will not believe." ⁴⁹ The official said to him, "Sir, come down before my child dies." ⁵⁰ Jesus said to him, "Go; your son will live." The man believed the word that Jesus spoke to him and went on his way. ⁵¹ As he was going down, his servants met him and told him that his son was recovering. ⁵² So he asked them the hour when he began to get better, and they said to him, "Yesterday at the seventh hour the fever left him." ⁵³ The father knew that was the hour when Jesus had said to him, "Your son will live." And he himself believed, and all his household. ⁵⁴ This was now the second sign that Jesus did when he had come from Judea to Galilee.

1) John depicts Jesus bringing the gospel to many. Below, list the people (whatever you know about them and their background/station) that Jesus ministers to:

- John 3:1-21 –

- John 4:1-42 –

- John 4:46-54 –

2) What can we know and understand about Jesus and his mission by seeing him minister to all of these people?

- 3) In verse 48, Jesus says that they will not believe unless they see signs. How does this relate to John 1:10? How does it relate to John's purpose for writing this Gospel?
- 4) What were the conditions of the healing of the son?
- 5) What was the result of the healing?
- 6) Why do you think Christ chooses to heal this boy?

John 5:1-9 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, in Aramaic called Bethesda, which has five roofed colonnades. ³ In these lay a multitude of invalids—blind, lame, and paralyzed. ⁵ One man was there who had been an invalid for thirty-eight years. ⁶ When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had already been there a long time, he said to him, "Do you want to be healed?" ⁷ The sick man answered him, "Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up, and while I am going another steps down before me." ⁸ Jesus said to him, "Get up, take up your bed, and walk." ⁹ And at once the man was healed, and he took up his bed and walked.

- 7) Why are all of these people waiting at the pool? Why don't they just get in?
- 8) How would it feel to wait there? What is their hope in?

Charles Spurgeon says of this passage: “What a sight for the Great Physician to look upon! The whole world must have been to him like one huge hospital, full of “impotent folk, blind, halt withered.” Wherever he went, he was surrounded by the sick, and sad, and suffering, those who were afflicted physically, mentally, and spiritually. But there was a special reason for the gathering together of so many sufferers at the pool of Bethesda. It was the last remnant of miracles. Such things were common enough in Judaea in her better days; but now the times of the prophets had ceased, and the day of miracles was almost over. Here, at Bethesda, were just a few relics and remnants of the good old days. Only one was cured, he that stepped into the pool first after the angel had troubled the water. It was but a scanty power that was left to the troubled water; but it was quite enough, if only one in a thousand was healed, to bring a crowd of people to wait around the pool. If only one person in a year were saved, I should not wonder if you thronged the place to hear the gospel that saved him; but your privilege is much greater. Here all who come, if they will hear and believe, shall find healing. It is not the first only, but even unto the last who shall step into the pool, that shall be healed.”

9) Think specifically about this man Christ talks to:

- How long has he been at the pool?
- Why is he there?
- Why has he not been able to get into the pool yet?
- Who is there to help him?

10) Put yourself in this man’s shoes. How do you feel?

11) In verse 6, it says that Jesus knows this man, even out of the “multitude” that are there. He knows his illness, and how long he’s been there. What hope can we have in that?

Reflect for a moment:

- Jesus sees you in your suffering.
- He comes at the right time to heal.

12) What are all of these people *really* waiting for?

13) Why does Jesus ask him if he wants to be healed?

14) What were the conditions of his healing?

Reflect:

- You probably don't need physical healing today, but what is something that you think God would want to see changed in you?
- Today, God is asking, "Do you want to be healed?" How will you answer?
- We are seeing many people around the world who are like these people by the pool, looking for healing. What do they really need? How can we pray for the world during this time?
- Finish this statement: Knowing that God is _____ shows me that I am _____. Explain.

In finishing your time, these are some songs to consider for prayer and worship:

"Come Thou Fount" https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hps2_qf8hLk

"Holy, Holy, Holy" <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AgHrNNM23p8>

**To examine more today about Christ's Holiness, and why he has the power to heal, you can watch this video from The Bible Project: <https://bibleproject.com/explore/holiness/#!>