

John 4:45-54 & 5:1-16

45. So when He came to Galilee, the Galileans received Him, having seen all the things He did in Jerusalem at the feast; for **they also had gone to the feast.**

- **Deuteronomy 16:16** "Three times in a year all your males shall _____ before the _____ your God in the place which He chooses, at the _____ of the Unleavened Bread (Passover) and at the _____ of Weeks and at the _____ of Booths, and they shall not appear before the Lord empty-handed."

46-47. So Jesus came again to Cana of Galilee where He has made the water wine. And there was a certain nobleman (official) whose son was sick at Capernaum. When **he HEARD that Jesus had come out of Judea into Galilee**, he went to Him and implored (begged) Him to come down and heal his son, for he was at the point of death.

- **Mark 5:27-28** "When she _____ about Jesus, she came behind Him in the crowd and _____ His garment; for she said, 'If only I may touch His clothes, I shall be made _____.'"
- **Mark 10:46-47** "Then they came to Jericho. And as He went out of Jericho with His disciples and a great multitude, _____ Bartimaeus, the son of Timaeus, sat by the road begging. And when he _____ that it was _____ of Nazareth, he began to cry out and say, '_____, Son of David, have mercy on me!'"

48-49. Then Jesus said to him, "**Unless you people see signs and wonders**, you will by no means believe." The nobleman said to Him, "Sir, come down before my child dies!"

- **Hebrews 2:4** "God also bearing witness both with _____ and _____, with various _____, and gifts of the Holy Spirit, according to His own _____."
- **John 6:30** "Therefore they said to Him, 'What _____ will You perform then, that we may see it and _____ You? What _____ will You do?'"
- **I Corinthians 1:21-23** "For since, in the wisdom of God, the world through wisdom did not know God, it pleased God through the foolishness of the message preached to save those who believe. For Jews request a _____, and Greeks seek after wisdom; but we preach Christ crucified, to the Jews a stumbling block and to the Greeks foolishness."

Definition: "UNLESS you people see SIGNS and WONDERS" - Jesus is reproving the crowd and testing the man's faith at the same time. The crowd only wants to see signs and wonders (showy MIRACLES), but Jesus wants their faith to be in His WORD. The nobleman's faith is not quite at that stage yet, so Jesus has compassion on him, and tells him He will heal his son. He still doesn't do what the nobleman asks, though. The nobleman had **weak** faith, and could only believe that Jesus could heal his son IF JESUS WERE THERE ("Sir, **come down**" and heal my son).

50. Jesus said to him, "Go your way; your son lives." So **the man BELIEVED the WORD** that JESUS SPOKE to him, and **he went his way.**

- **Mark 11:24** "Therefore I say to you, whatever things you _____ when you _____, believe that you _____ them, and you will have them."
- **Hebrews 11:1** "Now _____ is the substance of things hoped for, the _____ of things _____ seen."

Definition: "The man BELIEVED the WORD" - True faith believes it is done BEFORE we can SEE or FEEL any difference. True faith has ACTIONS - the man "went his way" before he SAW that Jesus had DONE anything. He just BELIEVED what Jesus said, and didn't keep trying to get Jesus to come with him (his faith is reaching the next level).

51. And as he was now going down, his servants met him and told him, saying, "YOUR SON LIVES!"

- **John 11:25** "_____ said to her, '_____ am the resurrection and the _____. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live."

52-54. Then he inquired of them the hour when he got better. And they said to him, "Yesterday, at the seventh hour the fever left him." So the father knew that it was **at the same hour** in which Jesus said to him, "Your son lives." And **he himself BELIEVED and his whole HOUSEHOLD**. This again is the second sign that Jesus did when He had come out of Judea into Galilee.

- **Acts 16:31** "So they said, '_____ on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be _____, you and your _____."

Definition: "He BELIEVED and his whole HOUSEHOLD" - Now his faith has reached even a HIGHER LEVEL, that of SAVING FAITH. He is not just believing for a miracle, but believing IN THE PERSON of Jesus, and understanding who He is. He and his entire household (his family and servants) have come to put their faith and trust in Jesus.

5:1-4. After this there was a feast of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate a pool, which is called in Hebrew, Bethesda, having five porches. In these lay **a great multitude of sick people**, blind, lame, paralyzed, waiting for the moving of the water. 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.

- **Matthew 15:30** "Then great _____ came to Him, having with them those who were _____, _____, mute, maimed, and many others; and they laid them down at Jesus' feet, and He _____ them."

Definition: "An ANGEL went down into the POOL" - Jesus never answers the man's comment (in verse 7) about the angel stirring the water, so it is likely that this was **just a MYTH** that the people believed about this pool. Whatever it was, it was obviously a place where the sick and crippled came and gathered, so it was a good place for Jesus to find someone to heal.

5-7. Now a certain man was there who had an infirmity thirty-eight years. 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?**" 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."

- **Mark 10:51** "And Jesus answered and said to him, 'What do you _____ Me to do for you?' The _____ man said to Him, 'Rabboni, that I may receive my _____.'"
- **Luke 13:10-13** "Now He was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. And behold, there was a _____ who had a spirit of _____ eighteen

years, and was bent over and could in no way raise herself up. But when Jesus saw her, He called her to Him and said to her, 'Woman, you are _____ from your _____.' And He laid His hands on her, and immediately she was made straight, and glorified God."

Definition: "Do you WANT to be made well?" - At first, this seems like a strange question. Who wouldn't want to be made well of something like that? But Jesus knew that there were some, and there are people today, who ENJOY their helplessness or sickness. It is a way of getting attention or sympathy. For some, it is a way of avoiding responsibilities. Many people just crawl into a "hole" and say, "I can't do this or that, because of my affliction." There are Christians who complain day after day about their lives, but will make no effort to change them. Philippians 4:13 says, "I can do ALL THINGS through Christ who strengthens me," but they **don't really believe it.**

8-10. Jesus said to him, "Rise, **take up your bed and walk.**" And immediately the man was made well, took up his bed, and walked. And **that day was the Sabbath.** The Jews therefore said to him who was cured, "It is the Sabbath; **it is not lawful** for you to carry your bed."

- **Exodus 23:12** " _____ days you are to do your _____, but on the _____ day you shall cease (stop) from labor; in order that your ox and your donkey may _____, and the son of your female slave, as well as your stranger (foreigner), may refresh themselves."
- **Read Exodus 31:13-17** (Verse 15) "For six days _____ may be done, but on the seventh day there is a sabbath of complete _____, holy (set apart) to the Lord; whoever does any work on the sabbath shall surely be put to death." (Verse 17) "It is a sign between Me and the sons of Israel forever; for in _____ days the Lord made heaven and earth, but on the _____ day He ceased from labor, and was refreshed."

Definition: "It is NOT LAWFUL" - God's law that He gave to Israel through Moses said that NO WORK was to be done on the Sabbath Day. In Jesus' day, the Pharisees had ADDED many rules and regulations to God's original law, including definitions of what constituted "work" and how many steps you could walk on the Sabbath, etc. Instead of being **a day to rest and refresh yourself**, they had made it a day of horrible rules to keep, and people were afraid of "breaking the Sabbath rules" (see Matthew 23:1-4). The Sabbath Day and the penalty of death were given to the "sons of Israel." We, as Christians under the New Covenant, are **NOT under the Sabbath Law** with its penalty, but the PRINCIPLE of taking a day to rest and be refreshed, and to set that day apart for the Lord, is still applicable.

11-14. He answered them, "He who made me well said to me, 'Take up your bed and walk.'" Then they asked him, "Who is the man who said to you, 'Take up your bed and walk?'" But the one who was healed **did not know who it was**, for Jesus had withdrawn, a multitude being in that place. 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."

- **John 9:35-38** "Jesus heard that they had cast him out; and when He had _____ him, He said to him, 'Do you _____ in the Son of God?' He answered and said, ' _____ is _____, Lord, that I may _____ in Him?' And Jesus said to Him, 'You have both seen Him and it is He who is _____ with you.' Then he said, 'Lord, I _____!' And he _____ Him."

Definition: "SIN NO MORE, lest a worse thing come upon you" - Jesus is NOT saying that ALL sickness is caused by a person's sin. But in the case of this man, HIS sickness WAS caused by his own sin. Again, Jesus had knowledge of a person that **only God could know**, since He knew that this man's infirmity (sickness or

injury) was caused by his own sinful actions. We know of many diseases that are caused by a person's own sin, the most obvious being sexually transmitted diseases and AIDS. Also, there are heart attacks, high blood pressure and strokes, ulcers and "nervous breakdowns" caused by our own worry, anger, stress and anxiety. **God wants to PROTECT us** and keep us from getting these diseases. That is why He gives us His commandments, so that if we KEEP His commandments, we will have a better life.

- **Psalm 38:3-5** "There is no soundness in my _____ because of Your anger, nor is there any _____ in my bones because of my _____. For my iniquities have gone over my head; like a heavy burden they are too heavy for me. My _____ are foul and festering because of my _____."
- **Read Deuteronomy 7:11-15** (Verse 12) "Then it shall come about, because you _____ to these judgments (COMMANDMENTS) and _____ and _____ them, that the Lord your God will keep with you His covenant and His loving-kindness which He swore to your forefathers." (Verse 15) "And the Lord will _____ from you all _____; and He will not put on you any of the harmful diseases of Egypt which you have known, but He will lay them on all who hate you."

15-16. The man departed and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had made him well. **For this reason the Jews persecuted Jesus, and sought to kill Him**, because He had done these things on the Sabbath.

- **John 11:53** "Then from that day on they _____ to _____ Him to _____."
- **John 7:19-20 & 23** "Did not Moses give you the law, and yet none of you keeps the law? Why do you _____ to _____ Me? The people answered and said, 'You have a demon. Who is seeking to _____ You?'" (Verse 23) "If a man receives circumcision on the _____, so that the law of Moses should not be broken, are you _____ with Me because I _____ a man completely _____ on the _____?"

Definition: "For this REASON the Jews SOUGHT to KILL Him" - The Jewish leaders (the Pharisees and Sadducees) were AFRAID of Jesus. Anyone who had the AUTHORITY to heal a man who had been sick for 38 years, **obviously had more authority than they did**, and for that reason He was a threat to their power structure. **Jesus NEVER BROKE any of God's laws**, but **He deliberately provoked the Jewish leaders by breaking their MAN-MADE laws** concerning the Sabbath. Jesus performed a total of six miraculous healings on the Sabbath Day, at different times in His ministry. Each one of them was done to people who DID NOT ASK for healing, but Jesus deliberately sought them out with the intention of healing them on the Sabbath, thus breaking the laws of the pharisees.