

Mercy: Healing the Disabled Man

John 5:1-9

1. Read John 5:1-4

- Describe the scene where this miracle took place.
- What do you think was the mood or atmosphere of all these people around the pool of Bethesda waiting for the stirring of the water?
- If you have been in the waiting room at the hospital, what is the atmosphere, mood, feelings of the people?

2. Read John 5:5-7

- What do we learn about this man?
- Why do you think Jesus asked this question?
- Read John 5:39-40. What is the role of the will in believing?

3. Read John 5:8-9

- Describe what happened in these verses.
- The text doesn't say the man believed. Do you think this man exhibited that he believed? Why or why not?

4. When this man encountered Jesus, Jesus addressed his need. When you encountered Jesus Christ for conversion or a recommitment what was the need that Jesus addressed in your life?

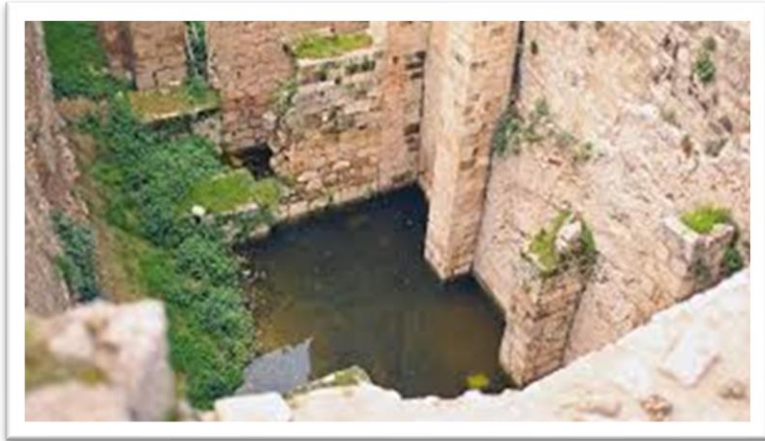
5. This man "immediately" obeyed Jesus. What hinders you from obeying Jesus when He tells you what to do? (sin, habits, attitudes, motives, behavior, or relationship?)

6. If our church was Bethesda, a place of Mercy, how does that impact the way we see people visiting our church? Our outreach and evangelism?

7. Read John 5:14. These are the final words of Jesus to this man.

- How does Jesus want this man to live?
- What is the warning that Jesus gives him?
- What does this warning teach us about sinning as a follower of Christ? See 1 Corinthians 11:28-30

8. Where do you need to see Jesus' mercy in your life? Or where do you need to obey Jesus?



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1. The Situation v.1-4

2. The Question v.5-7

3. The Healing v. 8-9