

Today's message: Superstition or Savior?

John 5:1-17 (ESV)

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. Now that day was the Sabbath. **10** So the Jews said to the man who had been healed, "It is the Sabbath, and it is not lawful for you to take up your bed." **11** But he answered them, "The man who healed me, that man said to me, 'Take up your bed, and walk.'" **12** They asked him, "Who is the man who said to you, 'Take up your bed and walk'?" **13** Now the man who had been healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had withdrawn, as there was a crowd in the place. **14** Afterward Jesus found him in the temple and said to him, "See, you are well! Sin no more, that nothing worse may happen to you." **15** The man went away and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had healed him. **16** And this was why the Jews were persecuting Jesus, because he was doing these things on the Sabbath. **17** But Jesus answered them, "My Father is working until now, and I am working."

The signs in John's Gospel:

1. *The turning of water into wine (John 2:1-12)*
2. *The healing of the royal official's son (John 4:46-54)*
3. **The healing of the paralytic at the pool of Bethesda (John 5:1-17)**
4. *The feeding of the five thousand (John 6:1-14)*
5. *The walking on water (John 6:15-25)*
6. *The healing of the man born blind (John 9:1-41)*
7. *The raising of Lazarus (John 11:1-46)*

John 20:30-31 (ESV)

³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; ³¹ but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

3 Remarkable realities from John 5:1-17:

1. The remarkable compassion of Jesus
2. The remarkable contempt of the Jews
3. The remarkable complacency of the man who was healed

The remarkable compassion of Jesus...

God is by nature _____, and so is Jesus.

The remarkable contempt of the Jews...

The Jewish leaders had nothing but contempt for the _____, and they had nothing but contempt for _____.

The remarkable complacency of the man who was healed...

In the face of the compassion of Christ; in the face of a miracle; in the face of healing; this man _____ to the Jews who hated Jesus and wanted Him dead.

Matthew 10:32-33 - "everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven, but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven."

The greatest miracle of all is _____ of man.

Mark 1:15 - "the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel."