

2020.11.22 Sunday Sermon <Jesus Heals Us>

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John 5:2-9

² *Now there is in Jerusalem near the Sheep Gate a pool, which in Aramaic is called Bethesda and which is surrounded by five covered colonnades. ³ Here a great number of disabled people used to lie—the blind, the lame, the paralyzed. ⁴ From time to time an angel of the Lord would come down and stir up the waters. The first one into the pool after each such disturbance would be cured of whatever disease they had. ⁵ One who was there had been an invalid for thirty-eight years. ⁶ When Jesus saw him lying there and learned that he had been in this condition for a long time, he asked him, “Do you want to get well?” ⁷ “Sir,” the invalid replied, “I have no one to help me into the pool when the water is stirred. While I am trying to get in, someone else goes down ahead of me.” ⁸ Then Jesus said to him, “Get up! Pick up your mat and walk.” ⁹ At once the man was cured; he picked up his mat and walked. The day on which this took place was a Sabbath,*

In the Old Testament, we learn about our Lord who heals us. We see this in **Exodus 15:26**:

²⁶ *He said, “If you listen carefully to the Lord your God and do what is right in his eyes, if you pay attention to his commands and keep all his decrees, I will not bring on you any of the diseases I brought on the Egyptians, for I am the Lord, who heals you.”*

In the New Testament, we learn about our Jesus who also heals us. The image shared on the screen shows the representation of what is happening in John chapter 5 - where, when and why did Jesus heal this man? What can we take away from today's scripture?

1. Where Did Jesus Heal?

- As we read through today's scripture, we learn about Jesus healing a man with chronic illness at the pool of Bethesda. Among all the people surrounding the pool, it was this particular man Jesus saw. This shows us, where ever we are Jesus is watching us.
- **John 5: 5-6**
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- **1 Kings 9:3** (Old Testament)
³ *The Lord said to him: “I have heard the prayer and plea you have made before me; I have consecrated this temple, which you have built, by putting my Name there forever. My eyes and my heart will always be there.*

- **Matthew 18:20** (New Testament)

²⁰ *For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them."*

2. When Did Jesus Heal?

- **John 5:8-9**

8 Then Jesus said to him, "Get up! Pick up your mat and walk." 9 At once the man was cured; he picked up his mat and walked. The day on which this took place was a Sabbath,

- **Matthew 4:23**

²³ *Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and healing every disease and sickness among the people.*

- Looking at the screen, we see Jesus healing man with withered hand, woman who has been crippled for 18 years, and Peter's mother-in-law. All of the healings shown on these images were on Sabbath Day. This was the same case for the healing of the man near pool of Bethesda.

3. Why Did Jesus Heal?

- As we see in **John 5:7** - the man had all three reasons for Jesus to show His mercy. He was in chronic pain for 38 years, which lead to financial difficulties, and leading him to be weak and lonely.

⁷ *"Sir," the invalid replied, "I have no one to help me into the pool when the water is stirred. While I am trying to get in, someone else goes down ahead of me."*

- **Three Reasons for Jesus' Healing :**

- **Those With Faith**

We say we believe and have faith. However, is it enough to move and touch Jesus' heart?

Mark 5:34

³⁴ *He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has healed you. Go in peace and be freed from your suffering."*

Matthew 8:13

¹³ *Then Jesus said to the centurion, "Go! Let it be done just as you believed it would." And his servant was healed at that moment.*

- **Those Who Repent**

See how the woman in Luke showed her repentance to Jesus. See how David throughout his life asked for repentance and particularly during the end of his life when he was in pain.

Luke 7:38

³⁸ *As she stood behind him at his feet weeping, she began to wet his feet with her tears. Then she wiped them with her hair, kissed them and poured perfume on them.*

Luke 8:2

² *and also some women who had been cured of evil spirits and diseases: Mary (called Magdalene) from whom seven demons had come out;*

Psalm 39:13

¹³ *Look away from me, that I may enjoy life again before I depart and am no more."*

Story of Dr. Park Sang Eun - Dr. Park is chief of Sam-Yang Hospital in South Korea. After entering medical school, his world was filled with worldly things and slowly was distant from church. After several years later, he started to notice issues with his skin. His skin got so sensitive, no one could touch him. He went to famous hospitals but no one could help him. For one year, he lived avoiding people. One day he read the Book of Luke and realized he needed to repent to the Lord. After his repentance, his skin was cured.

○ **Those Who Show Mercy to Others**

We are here due to Our Father and His Son. Through their grace and mercy we are here. Just as they have shown their mercy to us, we need to do the same to our neighbors.

Matthew 5:7

⁷ *Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.*

Story of 16yr Old Boy from Swiss - He was suffering from Leukemia and was living day by day without much hope. One day he received a plan with a card. Inside the card it said, "I too was suffering from Leukemia when I was 7 years old. Now I am 22 years old and very healthy. Do not worry and have hope and courage." With this note, the boy gained courage to fight the disease.

Story of 16yr Old Boy from Swiss - During the French Revolution, three college students were walking. They see two men with injured legs. The two students ignored them but one remained and help the two men. The men asked the student, which school she attended and where her dorm was located. She told them her name was Mary and she is staying at dorm building #3. After two months, she heard knocking on her door and was pulled out of her dorm room. Few hours later, a riot broke out and all the students in the dorm rooms were killed.

Matthew 7:2

² *For in the same way you judge others, you will be judged, and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.*

In Summary - Jesus will heal those

- 1. With Faith**
- 2. Who Repent**
- 3. Who has Mercy on Others**

Prayer

Lord, have mercy on us and heal us. Heal our bodies and remove any diseases that may be within us. We kneel in front of you with great faith that you will have mercy and heal us.

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