

John 5:1-15

Jesus & the Lame Man

1) Overview of Jesus' Ministry

a) Location

Ch 1 – Judea	Ch 2 – Galilee
Ch 3 – Judea	Ch 4 – Galilee (via Samaria)
Ch 5 – Judea	Ch 6 – Galilee
Ch 7-20 – Judea	Ch 21 – Galilee

b) Escalating Disputes / Varying Responses

Ch. 5 – Monologue to Jewish leaders
5:16 – persecuting
5:18 – seeking to kill

Ch. 6 – Dialog with Crowds & Disciples
6:60 – grumbling
7:1 – seeking to kill

Ch. 7 – Dialog with brothers & Jews
7:31 – many believed
7:32 – sought to arrest
7:40 – division among the people

Ch. 8 – Dispute with Pharisees & Jews
8:30 – many believed
8:59 – tried to stone

Ch. 9 – Dispute over Blind Man
9:34 – persecution
9:38 – the man believed

Ch. 10 – Monologue / Dispute with Jews
10:21 – many wondered
10:31 – tried to stone
10:39 – sought to arrest
10:42 – many believed

Ch. 11 – Healing of Lazarus
11:45 – many believed
11:53 – planned to kill
11:56 – many uncertain
11:57 – sought to arrest

2) Jesus Heals the Man

Purpose of Healings

1. To Exhibit God's Heart
John 1:18, Ps 103:2-14
2. To Be Identified as the Messiah
v. 17, 4:48, 20:30-31, Luke 4:18 / Isa 61:1
3. Prophetic Picture of Messiah's Future Reign
Isa 35:6, 65:18-25, Rev 21:4
4. Validation of Apostolic Authority
Luke 9:1-2, Acts 3:12, 5:12-16, Heb 2:3-4

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3) Jesus' Interactions with the Man

4) The Man's Response

Praxis

1. John 5:6 says that Jesus "saw" and "knew" the lame man's affliction before He acted in compassion. How can you purposefully increase your sight and knowledge of the afflicted?
2. The affliction of the lame man of John 5 was compounded by "having no one." What are the various compounding factors of those who are afflicted in body?
3. Identify one person you know who is afflicted. Consider how you might compassionately understand and act to relieve their affliction... What will it cost you?
4. How does the compounded nature of many physical afflictions parallel spiritual maladies in people's lives? How does the comprehensive nature of the Gospel act to relieve each of these?