

**“The Message in the Miracle” Pt3**  
**Jesus Picks A Fight**  
**John 5:1-16 | March 7, 2021**  
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John 20:30-31 “Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not recorded in this book. But these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in His name.”

John 5:1-16 “Some time later, Jesus went up to Jerusalem for one of the Jewish festivals. <sup>2</sup> 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. <sup>3-5</sup> Here a great number of disabled people used to lie—the blind, the lame, the paralyzed. <sup>4</sup> 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. One who was there had been an invalid for thirty-eight years. <sup>6</sup> 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?”

<sup>7</sup> “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.”

<sup>8</sup> Then Jesus said to him, “Get up! Pick up your mat and walk.” <sup>9</sup> At once the man was cured; he picked up his mat and walked. The day on which this took place was a Sabbath, <sup>10</sup> and so the Jewish leaders said to the man who had been healed, “It is the Sabbath; the law forbids you to carry your mat.”

<sup>11</sup> But he replied, “The man who made me well said to me, ‘Pick up your mat and walk.’ ”

<sup>12</sup> So they asked him, “Who is this fellow who told you to pick it up and walk?”

<sup>13</sup> The man who was healed had no idea who it was, for Jesus had slipped away into the crowd that was there.

<sup>14</sup> Later Jesus found him at the temple and said to him, “See, you are well again. Stop sinning or something worse may happen to you.” <sup>15</sup> The man went away and told the Jewish leaders that it was Jesus who had made him well. <sup>16</sup> So, because Jesus was doing these things on the Sabbath, the Jewish leaders began to persecute Him.”

Matthew 24:4 (Jesus) “They tie up heavy burdens, hard to bear, and lay them on people’s shoulders, but they themselves are not willing to move them with their finger.”

John 15:8-9 (Jesus) “This people honors Me with their lips, but their heart is far from Me: in vain do they worship Me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.”

**Jesus wants \_\_\_\_\_ that are aligned with Him,  
not \_\_\_\_\_ that is aligned with expectations.**

### **LOOK IN:**

1. Have you ever felt like the man at the pool? Stuck, helpless, hopeless?
2. Have you given lip service to Jesus? Has there been a moment when Jesus’ message has hit your heart and your lip service has turned to a real relationship with him?
3. Have you struggled with wanting to behave the “right” way to try to gain God’s love and grace? How does it make you feel to hear that Jesus wants your heart without expectations?