

A STUDY OF THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

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FURTHER STUDY:

After these things there was a feast of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. Now there is in Jerusalem by the sheep gate a pool, which is called in Hebrew Bethesda, having five porticoes. In these lay a multitude of those who were sick, blind, lame, and withered, [waiting for the moving of the waters; for an angel of the Lord went down at certain seasons into the pool and stirred up the water; whoever then first, after the stirring up of the water, stepped in was made well from whatever disease with which he was afflicted.] A man was there who had been ill for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him lying there, and knew that he had already been a long time in that condition, He said to him, "Do you wish to get well?" The sick man answered Him, "Sir, I have no man to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up, but while I am coming, another steps down before me." Jesus said to him, "Get up, pick up your pallet and walk." Immediately the man became well, and picked up his pallet and began to walk.

THE THIRD SIGN

While being again in _____, Jesus visited the place called _____ which was a _____ of sorts for first century people. This place was the sight of a _____ visitation, which involved an angel _____ up the water form time to time, and the _____ person to enter in was made _____. Thus into this scene Jesus comes with _____ person in particular in mind. Lets note for a moment what Jesus _____ about this man. First of all Jesus say "him _____ there." Jesus obviously is _____ of this mans condition, he is in the low state of _____ on the ground, incapable of rising to _____ the pool upon the visitation. He is _____ and at the mercy of others to let him in to the healing waters.

PREPARATION FOR NEXT CLASS:

Read John Chapter 5:18-47

Secondly we should note that Jesus observed that the man had been in this _____ got a _____ time. He was not unaware of the mans condition nor of the long _____ which he had endured. In fact the scriptures tell us that it was a _____ year period of waiting.

Thirdly, we know that Jesus was aware of the mans _____, for he had been in this state so long, and each time the _____ visitation occurred there was no one able to help him in.

How encouraging it is to know that God _____, and that our _____ are not irrelevant to him. In Exodus 3:7 God told Moses *"I have surely _____ the _____ of My people who are in Egypt, and have given _____ to their _____ because of their taskmasters, for I am _____ of their _____."* Here Moses is given the great _____, God _____, God _____, and God _____. Ps. 139:3 said *"You _____ my path and my lying down, And are intimately _____ with all my ways."*

Perhaps someone might say what good is it to me that God _____, does he care enough to _____ me. And Exodus continues in V8 *"So I have _____ down to _____ them from the power of the Egyptians, and to bring them _____ from that land to a _____ and _____ land, to a land flowing with milk and honey."* God is _____, meaning that he not only knows but he is also _____ to _____ those who call upon him.

The old gospel song states that "_____ we could not _____ to where he was, he _____ to us." This is often played out in our lives, that he comes to the _____, when they are _____ to come to him.

Note with me another case in Mark 5, where Jesus is preaching a great _____ crusade. Large crowds are _____ him and he does the

Unthinkable; with the revival in full swing he gets on a _____, and crosses the Sea of _____. Once he had crossed the sea, he was encountered by a _____. Jesus _____ delivered this man, then _____ the boat and went back to the large crowds. This is an excellent _____ of Gods dealings with man. We wrongly say "_____ helps those who _____ themselves." The truth is that God _____ those who _____ help themselves.

THE QUESTION

Now we see Jesus ask this man a question; "_____ you be _____ whole." The question seems to be aimed at _____ the mans desire again. Its as if sometimes when things have been _____ way for so _____, that we forget why we even started _____ an answer. This question provokes _____ in ones _____. Do you _____, to be healed, _____, _____, _____, _____ of God, or _____ for service. All are hanging on our wanting what He _____ for us. Ps 37:4 "_____ yourself in the LORD; And He will give you the _____ of your heart. The nearer we grow to him the more his _____ come to be ours.

Furthermore this question _____ us a valuable principle about Gods _____ in mans life. God always gives man the _____ and _____ to choose for himself. This healing was contingent on the sick mans _____. "_____ you be made whole?" Note that he did not ask "can you make _____ whole?" But rather do you _____ to be whole. Here we see the two part balance between _____ will, and our _____. He loves and chooses to save us, but we must _____ his salvation in our lives.