

# A STUDY OF THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

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*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.

## FURTHER STUDY:

## 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 crosses 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.