



Unit 22, Session 3

Jesus Healed a Man Who Was Lame

John 5

Story Point: Jesus healed a man who could not walk.

Jesus went to Jerusalem and stood by the pool of Bethesda. Jesus noticed a man who could not walk. He had been lying there for a long time. Jesus asked him, “Do you want to get well?”

The man answered, “Sir, I have no one to put me in the pool when the water is stirred up.” The man thought if he could get into the water, he would be healed.

Jesus told him, “Get up, pick up your mat, and walk.” Right away, the man was miraculously healed. He picked up his mat and started to walk.

This happened on the Sabbath, so the Jews told the man who was healed, “It is against the law to pick up your mat on the Sabbath.”

The man replied, “The man who healed me told me to pick up my mat and walk.”

“Who was the man?” the Jews asked. But the man who was healed did not know who had healed him. By this time, Jesus had slipped away into the crowd.

Later, Jesus found the healed man in the temple. Jesus said to him, “See, you are healed. Do not sin anymore, so that something worse doesn’t happen to you.”

Then the man went to the Jews and told them that Jesus had healed him. So the Jews began persecuting Jesus because He was healing people on the Sabbath.

Christ Connection: The man at the pool was unable to help himself. Jesus healed him, and he obeyed Jesus’ commands. In a similar way, we are unable to free ourselves from sin. Jesus calls us to trust in Him. When we trust in Jesus, He frees us from the power of sin and death so we can follow Him and obey Him.



EXPERIENCE the Story

The Bible tells us what is true about God and about ourselves. All of the stories in the Bible fit together to tell us the big story of how God rescues sinners through His Son, Jesus.

- Number the events in the order they happened:

- _____ Jesus said to the man, “Get up, pick up your mat, and walk.”
- _____ Jesus told the religious leaders, “My Father is still working and I am working too.”
- _____ Jesus asked the man, “Do you want to get well?”
- _____ Jesus told the man, “See, you are healed. Do not sin anymore, so that something worse doesn’t happen to you.”

- What does this story teach us about God?

- Why did the man spend every day by the pool?

CHRIST CONNECTION

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APPLY the Story

- Find Isaiah 53:4-5 in your Bible and write the words below.

- Write a prayer to God, asking Him to help you faithfully follow and obey Him.

READ THE WORD

Read one of the following passages each day this week:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Romans 8:28 | <input type="checkbox"/> Ephesians 5:8 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Psalm 71:5 | <input type="checkbox"/> Isaiah 40:31 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mark 1:15 | <input type="checkbox"/> Hebrews 12:1-2 |