

JOHN 5:1-47

February 11, 2021

1. Read John 5:1-17. Imagine yourself at the pool described in verses 2-5. Describe what you see.

What might you be feeling and thinking as you watch the scene around you?

2. Read John 5:5-8. What does Jesus ask the paralyzed man?

Based on the man's answer to Jesus' question, where do you think he had placed his only hope for healing?

Look again at John 5:8-9. *How* does Jesus heal this man?

What does this reveal to you about Jesus?

3. Read John 5:9-18. In these verses, "Jews" refers to the Jewish religious leaders. Summarize how these men react to the miraculous healing of the suffering man.

What specific complaint do the Jews have in John 5:10 and 16?

Read Exodus 20:8-11. The Sabbath was meant to be a day of physical rest and worshipful refreshment. Unfortunately, over time Jewish tradition added many cumbersome rules to what God intended as a blessing. What does the response of the leadership reveal about their hearts?

4. Read John 5:19-23. Jesus uses simple language to reveal profound truths about Himself. What does Jesus teach us about Himself in the following verses?

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5. Read John 5:19-21 once again along with John 10:10, 28-30. What insight do you glean from Jesus' own words about the life He gives to those who believe in His name?

In John 5:20, Jesus says that we will marvel as we see His great works. To marvel means to be filled with wonder or astonishment. Spend a few moments quietly marveling at the works of the Father and Son in your own life and write out your personal response.

6. Read John 5:22-25 along with John 14:6-7 and Acts 4:11-12. What essential truth about salvation does God's Word make clear for us?

What do you conclude about any faith system that omits or denies the words and works of Jesus?

7. Read John 5:26-30 along with John 6:28-29. What is the good work that Jesus speaks of in John 5:29?

What is the evil that Jesus speaks of in the same verse?

Read and ponder Daniel 12:1-3. These verses speak of the End Times, just as John 5:28-29 does. How does the great promise of eternal life with Christ for those who believe contribute to abundant life with Christ *now*, in your everyday life?

8. Read John 5:31-47. In response to the Jewish leadership's accusation of blasphemy, Jesus speaks of several witnesses that prove the truth of His claim to be the Son of God. List each witness to Jesus' identity and jot down why you think this witness should be valid in the eyes of the Jewish leadership.

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9. Thinking back over everything that Jesus says and does in chapter 5, how would you describe His heart for humanity? How does that encourage you today?

10. Write out a personal prayer request in one or two sentences to share with your small group.

A COURTROOM OF THE HEART JOHN 5:1-46

Jesus Displays His Power

5:1-17

- Jesus performs a very public _____ of healing.
- From now until His death, Jesus will be opposed by the religious authority.
- The Jewish leadership strongly opposed Jesus healing on the Sabbath.

*Hunger for God Himself, and not only His gifts.
When He gives good gifts, acknowledge Him and give thanks.*

Jesus Gives Testimony About His Authority

5:18-31

- Jesus claims _____ with God the Father.
- Jesus willingly submits Himself to the will of the Father in all things.
- Jesus gives life- both eternal life and the abundant life now.
- Jesus has authority to judge all men.
- All who hear and believe Jesus receive eternal _____.

*Slow down and savor the astonishing beauty and wonder of the gospel.
Grab hold of the hope and healing Jesus freely offers!*

Witnesses Confirm the Validity of Jesus' Words and Works

5:32-46

- Jesus own words – "... he was even calling God his own Father, making Himself equal with God." John 5:18
- John the Baptist – "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!" John 1:29
- Miracles – "... And his disciples believed in him." John 2:11
- The Father – "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." Matthew 3:17
- Moses - "The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you... it is to him you shall listen..." Deuteronomy 18:15

*Humbly listen to Jesus.
Allow Jesus' words to shape and mold you into a woman of deep faith.*

JESUS the WORD – John 5:1-47

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ISAIAH 35:5-6 Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then shall the lame man leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute sing for joy.

PSALM 103:2-5 Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits, who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

MATTHEW 6:33 But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

PSALM 9:1-2 I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart; I will recount all of your wonderful deeds. I will be glad and exult in you; I will sing praise to your name, O Most High.

2 CORINTHIANS 5:17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

JOHN 3:16-17 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

REVELATION 20:11-12, 15 Then I saw a great white throne and him who was seated on it. From his presence earth and sky fled away, and no place was found for them. And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Then another book was opened, which is the book of life. And the dead were judged by what was written in the books, according to what they had done. . . . And if anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.

2 PETER 1:3-4 (NLT) By his divine power, God has given us everything we need for living a godly life. We have received all of this by coming to know him, the one who called us to himself by means of his marvelous glory and excellence. And because of his glory and excellence, he has given us great and precious promises. These are the promises that enable you to share his divine nature and escape the world's corruption caused by human desires.

MATTHEW 3:16-17 And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; and behold, a voice from heaven said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."

Isaiah 58:11 And the LORD will guide you continually and satisfy your desire in scorched places and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters do not fail.