



SIGNS & WONDERS: Healing of the Lame Man

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John 5:5-9 NLT

Jesus isn't afraid to enter the ugly place of your life.

² Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate a pool, which is called in Hebrew, Bethesda, having five porches. ³ In these lay a great multitude of sick people, blind, lame, paralyzed, waiting for the moving of the water. (⁴For 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.)

John 5:2-4 NKJV

Jesus moves toward the hopeless.

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Jesus speaks to our deepest need.

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John 5:6-7, 9-15 NLT

Jesus heals this man on this day to prove He is above all things.

¹⁶So the Jewish leaders began harassing Jesus for breaking the Sabbath rules. ¹⁷But Jesus replied, "My Father is always working, and so am I." ¹⁸So the Jewish leaders tried all the harder to find a way to kill him. For he not only broke the Sabbath, he called God his Father, thereby making himself equal with God.

John 5:16-18 NLT

