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★ Sheep Gate

★ Pool of Bethesda



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1. The Third Sign (1-16)

■ The Setting

¹ After this there was a feast of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

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...^{3b} waiting for the moving of the water. ⁴ For 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.

⁵ One man was there who had been an invalid for thirty-eight years.

■ The Sign

⁶ When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had already been there a long time, he said to him, **“Do you want to be healed?”** ⁷ The sick man answered him, “Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up, and while I am going another steps down before me.” ⁸ Jesus said to him, **“Get up, take up your bed, and walk.”** ⁹ And at once the man was healed, and he took up his bed and walked. Now that day was the Sabbath.

■ Excuses by the Pool (5:7)

“I have no one”

• Dependence on people rather than God.

“when the water is stirred up”

• Dependence on circumstances rather than God.

“to put me into the pool”

• Limiting God to work only in certain geographic areas.

“while I am going another steps down before me”

• Blaming others for past failures rather than focusing on present possibilities.

■ The Sign

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■ The Sequel

¹⁰ So the Jews said to the man who had been healed, “It is the **Sabbath**, and it is not lawful for you to take up

¹² **“You have six days each week for your ordinary work, but on the seventh day you must stop working. This gives your ox and your donkey a chance to rest. It also allows your slaves and the foreigners living among you to be refreshed. (Ex 23)** ²¹ **Thus says the LORD: Take care for the sake of your lives, and do not bear a burden on the Sabbath day or bring it in by the gates of Jerusalem. (Jer. 17)** ¹³ The man went away and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had healed him. ¹⁶ And this was why the Jews were **persecuting Jesus, because he was doing these things on the Sabbath.**

■ The Pharisee and the Tax Collector (Luke 18)

⁹ He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and treated others with contempt: ¹⁰ "Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector."

¹¹ The Pharisee, standing by himself, prayed thus: 'God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. ¹² I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.' ¹³ But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' ¹⁴ I tell you, this man went down to his house justified, rather than the other. **For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted.'**"

2. The Three Claims of Christ (17-24)

■ Equal with God in Nature

¹⁷ But Jesus answered them, "My Father is working until now, and I am working."

¹⁸ This was why the Jews were seeking all the more to kill him, because not only was he breaking the Sabbath, but he was even calling God his own Father, making himself equal with God.



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2. The Three Claims of Christ (17-24)

■ Equal with God in Power

¹⁹ So Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of his own accord, but only what he sees the Father doing. For whatever the Father does, that the Son does likewise. ²⁰ For the Father loves the Son and shows him all that he himself is doing. And greater works than these will he show him, so that you may marvel. ²¹ For as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, so also the Son gives life to whom he will."

2. The Three Claims of Christ (17-24)

■ Equal with God in Authority

²² The Father judges no one, but has given all judgment to the Son, ²³ that all may honor the Son, just as they honor the Father. Whoever does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent him. ²⁴ Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life."

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3. The Three Acts of Christ (25-29)

■ All Life is in His Hands

²⁵ "Truly, truly, I say to you, an hour is coming, and is now here, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live. ²⁶ For as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son also to have life in himself."

3. The Three Acts of Christ (25-29)

■ All Judgment is in His Hands

²⁷ And he has given him authority to execute judgment, because he is the Son of Man."

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3. The Three Acts of Christ (25-29)

■ **All Resurrection is in His Hands**

²⁸ Do not marvel at this, for an hour is coming when all who are in the tombs will hear his voice

²⁹ and come out, those who have done good to **the resurrection of life**, and those who have done evil to **the resurrection of judgment**.

⁴ Then I saw thrones, and seated on them were those to whom the authority to judge was committed. Also I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for the testimony of Jesus and for the word of God, and those who had not worshiped the beast or its image and had not received its mark on their foreheads or their hands. **They came to life and reigned with Christ for a thousand years.** ⁵ **The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were ended.** (Rev 20)

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What is the point?

1. When His Word is heard are you willing to take action on it?
2. Do you have meaningful faith that affects others?
3. Are you opposed to the religious thinking style of the Jews?
4. Are you aware He is continuing to heal broken lives?
5. Are you aware that He has authority to grant you eternal life?
6. Do you personally trust Jesus?

