

**What We Learn at the Pool of Bethesda!
Encounter Jesus in the Book of John, Pt. 5
John 5
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Psalm 77:14, *You are the God who performs miracles; you display your power among the peoples.*

John 5:1, *Some time later, Jesus went up to Jerusalem for one of the Jewish festivals. 2 Now there is in Jerusalem near the Sheep Gate a pool, which in Aramaic is called Bethesda and which is surrounded by five covered colonnades.*

What We Learn at the Pool of Bethesda:

1. Jesus Shows Up in Broken PLACES

John 5:3, *Here a great number of disabled people used to lie—the blind, the lame, the paralyzed.*

Luke 4:17, ... *Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written: 18 “The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, 19 to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”*

2. Jesus Reminds Us There Is Always HOPE

John 5:5, *One who was there had been an invalid for thirty-eight years.*

Romans 15:4, *For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through the endurance taught in the Scriptures and the encouragement they provide we might have hope.*

3. Jesus Asked the Ultimate QUESTION

John 5:6, *When Jesus saw him lying there and learned that he had been in this condition for a long time, he asked him, “Do you want to get well?”*

4. Jesus Has Power Over Your CIRCUMSTANCES

John 5:7, *“Sir,” the invalid replied, “I have no one to help me into the pool when the water is stirred. While I am trying to get in, someone else goes down ahead of me.” 8 Then Jesus said to him, “Get up! Pick up your mat and walk.” 9 At once the man was cured; he picked up his mat and walked.*

5. Some People Still Miss the POINT

John 5:10, ... *the Jewish leaders said to the man who had been healed, “It is the Sabbath; the law forbids you to carry your mat.” 11 But he replied, “The man who made me well said to me, ‘Pick up your mat and walk.’” 12 So they asked him, “Who is this fellow who told you to pick it up and walk?” 13 The man who was healed had no idea who it was...*

Matthew 16:15, *“But what about you?” he asked. “Who do you say I am?” 16 Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.”*

6. Eternity Matters Much More Than Our PRESENT

John 5:14, *Later Jesus found him at the temple and said to him, “See, you are well again. Stop sinning or something worse may happen to you.” 15 The man went away and told the Jewish leaders that it was Jesus who had made him well.*

Matthew 16:26, *What good will it be for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul?*

John 5:24, *“Very truly I tell you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be judged but has crossed over from death to life.*

Ephesians 2:8, *For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—**9** not by works, so that no one can boast.*