

Rise, Pick up your Mat, and Walk (John 5:1-16)

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Introduction

5₁ After these *things* there was a Judean feast, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

5₂ Now a pool is by the Sheep *Gate* in Jerusalem (called Bethesda in Hebrew), having five porticos,
Proof that Bethesda is the right reading

5₃ In these lay a great crowd of sick, blind, lame, *and* paralyzed— awaiting the moving of the water.

The textual variant in 5:3-4

God's working during the 400 silent years

5₄ For an angel would periodically go down into the pool and stir the water. Then the first *one* who entered after the stirring of the water became well from whatever ailment he had.

5₅ Now a certain man was there having an ailment for thirty-eight years.

5₆ Seeing him lying, and knowing that already he had *his ailment* a long time, Jesus said to him, "Do you wish to become well?"

5₇ The infirmed *man* answered Him, "Sir, I have no man to put me into the pool when the water is stirred, but while I am coming, another goes down before me."

5₈ Jesus told him, "Arise, pick up your mat and walk!"

5₉ And at once the man became well, picked up his mat, and was walking.

5₁₀ Now it was Sabbath on that day. So Judean *leaders* told the healed *one*, “It is Sabbath! It is not lawful to pick up *your* mat.”

5₁₁ He answered them, “The *One* who made me well— He told me, ‘Pick up your bedroll and walk.’”

5₁₂ So they asked him, “Who is the man who told you, ‘Pick up your bedroll and walk?’”

5₁₃ But the man who was healed did not know who He is, for Jesus had withdrawn, a multitude being in that place.

5₁₄ After these *things* Jesus found him in the temple *courtyard* and told him, “Look, you have become well. Sin no longer, lest something worse happen to you.”

5₁₅ The man went away and reported to those Judean *leaders* that Jesus is who had made him well.

5₁₆ Therefore those Judean *leaders* began persecuting Jesus and were seeking to kill Him, because He was doing these *things* on a sabbath.

Conclusion