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43 After the two days He went forth from there into Galilee. 44 For Jesus Himself testified that a prophet has no honor in his own country. 45 So when He came to Galilee, the Galileans received Him, having seen all the things that He did in Jerusalem at the feast; for they themselves also went to the feast. 46 Therefore He came again to Cana of Galilee where He had made the water wine. And there was a royal official whose son was sick at Capernaum. 47 When he heard that Jesus had come out of Judea into Galilee, he went to Him and was imploring *Him* to come down and heal his son; for he was at the point of death. 48 So Jesus said to him, “Unless you *people* see signs and wonders, you *simply* will not believe.” 49 The royal official said to Him, “Sir, come down before my child dies.” 50 Jesus said to him, “Go; your son lives.” The man believed the word that Jesus spoke to him and started off. 51 As he was now going down, *his* slaves met him, saying that his son was living. 52 So he inquired of them the hour when he began to get better. Then they said to him, “Yesterday at the hour the fever left him.” 53 So the father knew that *it was* at that hour in which Jesus said to him, “Your son lives”; and he himself believed and his whole household. 54 This is again a second sign that Jesus performed when He had come out of Judea into Galilee. **John 4:43-54 NASB**

- Jesus returns to Galilee even though He knew that a prophet is not honored in his own country. (See **Luke 4:24**)
- He was welcomed; not for who He was but for the miracles He had done.
- They were not in pursuit of a Messiah who could save them, but someone who could do miracles that would amaze them. (NASB notes)
- Jesus encounters a royal official whose son was desperately ill, and the official was imploring Jesus to come heal His son.
- Jesus answers...“unless you people see signs and wonders, you simply will not believe.

Then Jesus said to him, Unless you see signs and miracles happen, you [people] never will believe (trust, have faith) at all. **John 4:48 AMPC**

- Then Jesus says...“Go, your son lives.”
 - The man believed the Word that Jesus spoke to Him and started home. (Remember what Mary said to the workers in **John 2:5**? She said...“Whatever He says to you, do it!”)

He sent His word and healed them, and delivered *them* from their destructions.

- On his journey home, his servants come to meet him to tell him that his son was well.
- The healing had taken place at precisely the hour Jesus spoke to the official.
- The official believed in Jesus along with his entire household. They believed in Jesus.
- This is healing for the sake of evangelism!

30 Therefore many other signs Jesus also performed in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; 31 but these have been written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing you may have life in His name. **John 20:30-31 NASB**

- This is the power of the Gospel.

1 After these things there was a feast of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. 2 Now there is in Jerusalem by the sheep *gate* a pool, which is called in Hebrew Bethesda, having five porticoes. 3 In these lay a multitude of those who were sick, blind, lame, and withered, [waiting for the moving of the waters; 4 for an angel of the Lord went down at certain seasons into the pool and stirred up the water; whoever then first, after the stirring up of the water, stepped in was made well from whatever disease with which he was afflicted.] 5 A man was there who had been ill for thirty-eight years. 6 When Jesus saw him lying *there*, and knew that he had already been a long time *in that condition*, He said to him, **“Do you wish to get well?”** 7 The sick man answered Him, “Sir, I have no man to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up, but while I am coming, another steps down before me.” 8 Jesus said to him, **“Get up, pick up your pallet and walk.”** 9 Immediately the man became well, and picked up his pallet and *began* to walk. Now it was the Sabbath on that day. 10 So the Jews were saying to the man who was cured, “It is the Sabbath, and it is not permissible for you to carry your pallet.” 11 But he answered them, “He who made me well was the one who said to me, **‘Pick up your pallet and walk.’**” 12 They asked him, “Who is the man who said to you, **‘Pick up your pallet and walk?’**” 13 But the man who was healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had slipped away while there was a crowd in *that* place. 14 Afterward Jesus found him in the temple and said to him, **“Behold, you have become well; do not sin anymore, so that nothing worse happens to you.”** 15 The man went away and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had made him well. 16 For this reason the Jews were persecuting Jesus, because He was doing these things on the Sabbath. 17 But He answered them, **“My Father is working until now, and I Myself am working.”** 18 For this reason therefore the Jews were seeking all the more to kill Him, because He not only was breaking the Sabbath, but also was calling God His own Father, making Himself equal with God. 19 Therefore Jesus answered and was saying to them, **“Truly, truly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, unless *it is* something He sees the Father doing; for whatever the Father does, these things the Son also does in like manner. 20 For the Father loves the Son, and shows Him all things that He Himself is doing; and *the Father* will show Him greater works than these, so that you will marvel. 21 For just as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, even so the Son also gives life to whom He wishes. 22 For not even the Father judges anyone, but He has given all judgment to the Son, 23 so that all will honor the Son even as they honor the Father. He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent Him. 24 “Truly, truly, I say to you, he who hears My word, and believes Him who sent Me, has eternal life, and does not come into judgment, but has passed out of death into life. **John 5:1-24 NASB****

- The Healing at Bethesda and more.
 - Bethesda means – House of Mercy
 - A multitude of sick, blind, lame, paralyzed, and withered people.

In these lay a great number of sick folks—some blind, some crippled, and some paralyzed (shriveled up)—*waiting for the bubbling up of the water.* **John 5:3 AMPC**

- Waiting for the ‘bubbling up’ of the water...waiting for the angel of the Lord to ‘stir’ the water.
- Jesus says to him...” Do you want to get well?”
- The man answers...”I don’t have anyone who can get me in the water...”
- Jesus says...”Get up, pick up your pallet, and walk...” Immediately, he was well!
- Uh oh...Jesus healed this man on the Sabbath...trouble is brewing.
- The Jews confront the man who has been completely cured about carrying his pallet...no comment about his healing.
- The man says...” The man who me well told me to get up, take my pallet and walk” ...for the first time in 38 years he could actually walk...He didn’t know who Jesus was but he was certainly going to do what Jesus said.
- Jesus finds him in the Temple and they ‘meet-up’. Jesus fills him in a bit.
- In **v14**, Jesus says, “Don’t get back to living in sin, (walk with me) the consequences of sin are even worse than being laid up for 38 years...(walk with me).
- The pallet was the man’s reminder of what life without Jesus is like...and death without Him is even worse.
- The man now tells the Jews that Jesus is the One who healed him...and they hated it and persecuted Jesus because He healed on the Sabbath.

- Jesus’ response:

But Jesus answered them, My Father has worked [even] until now, [He has never ceased working; He is still working] and I, too, must be at [divine] work. **John 5:17 AMPC**

- The Jews response:

This made the Jews more determined than ever to kill Him [to do away with Him]; because He not only was breaking (weakening, violating) the Sabbath, but He actually was speaking of God as being [in a special sense] His own Father, making Himself equal [putting Himself on a level] with God. **John 5:18 AMPC**

- Jesus’ Equality with God

19 So Jesus answered them by saying, I assure you, most solemnly I tell you, the Son is able to do nothing of Himself (of His own accord); but He is able to do only what He sees the Father doing, for whatever the Father does is what the Son does in the same way [in His turn].

20 The Father dearly loves the Son and discloses to (shows) Him everything that He Himself does. And He will disclose to Him (let Him see) greater things yet than these, so that you may marvel *and* be full of wonder *and* astonishment. 21 Just as the Father raises up the dead and gives them life [makes them live on], even so the Son also gives life to whomever He wills *and* is pleased to give it. 22 Even the Father judges no one, for He has given all judgment (the last

judgment and the whole business of judging) entirely into the hands of the Son, 23 So that all men may give honor (reverence, homage) to the Son just as they give honor to the Father. [In fact] whoever does not honor the Son does not honor the Father, Who has sent Him. 24 I assure you, most solemnly I tell you, the person whose ears are open to My words [who listens to My message] and believes *and* trusts in *and* clings to *and* relies on Him Who sent Me has (possesses now) eternal life. And he does not come into judgment [does not incur sentence of judgment, will not come under condemnation], but he has already passed over out of death into life. **John 3:19-24 AMPC**

- **V24**, the believer no longer 'belongs' to death!

5 Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus, 6 who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, 7 but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, *and* being made in the likeness of men. 8 Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. 9 For this reason also, God highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name, 10 so that at the name of Jesus EVERY KNEE WILL BOW, of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth, 11 and that every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. **Philippians 2:5-11 NASB**

- **Philippians 2:5** "be thinking (setting your mind on) this in you which was also in Jesus..."
- Be setting your heart and mind on this selfless, self-sacrificial love...(humility)