**Series: The Gospel of John**

**Title: Jesus and the Lame Man**

**Text: John 5:1-29**

**Introduction**

Today we will look at John Chapter 5 and examine the third of seven signs John gives us as proof that Jesus is in fact the Messiah. These signs are miracles performed by Jesus, which John uses to point out to us, that beyond the miracle itself is a lesson about Jesus divinity and his provision for our humanity. Today’s lesson in the third sign is that Jesus gave us. is the giver of life.

Jesus crosses paths with a man has been crippled for 38 years and had repeatedly tried and failed to find \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Ultimately, we are hopeless and helpless without \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

This miracle demonstrates that Jesus is the greatest physician and is not bound in any way by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

1. **The Miracle**

This pool was located near the Sheep *Gate* and wad called in Hebrew, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (House of Mercy).

God can and does do things in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ways.

God says we are \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and "without hope.

Our world is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ we are feeling the effects of it and around the globe.

It is a result of our \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ from God.  This is the true human condition!

When Jesus saw the man lying there, and knew that he already had been *in that condition* a long time, He said to him, "Do you \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to be made well?" (Joh 5:6 NKJV)

The multitude was fixated on the water and the angel instead of upon the Christ, the\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ who could actually heal them all.

Not every sick person \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to be healed.

The man is so thoroughly defeated that he has given up all \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Sometimes we would rather just \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ about our situation than allow Jesus Christ to make us whole!!

Jesus challenges the man to believe for the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

The fact of his healing was \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ when he realized he had the strength to walk and carry his own bed-mat.

1. **The Message**

The Bible says are many different ways people may be healed:

* James 5 says the **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** of the church may anoint to be healed.
* God’s people can lay hands on each other in prayer, ask God for healing, and people may be healed Mark 16:17-18.
* God may grant someone a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of healing – either that they are directly healed, or have the power to bring healing to another 1 Corinthians 12:9.
* God may grant healing in response to the faith of the person who desires to be healed Matthew 9:22.
* God may grant healing in response to the faith of another on behalf of the person who is healed Mark 2:4-5, Matthew 8:13.
* God may heal through **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** treatment. 1 Timothy 5:23, James 5:14 with Luke 10:34.

God wants you to be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_!

1. **The Controversy**

This healing is also a picture of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

We must be willing to put our \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in Jesus to reconcile us to God. When we do that we are instantaneously and completely restored to spiritual life.

The Old Testament law of the Sabbath observance was given to memorialize God's work of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and to give people and animals a break and remind them to trust God to provide for them.

Unfortunately, the Sabbath observance became a hallmark of Jewish \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Religious Jews had a super-obsession with determining exactly what it meant to "\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_."

The hypocritical leaders were more concerned with keeping their \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ then they were with a miracle of healing that helped someone.

Jesus is interested in his \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ condition more than his former physical situation. What could be worse than experiencing God’s healing touch and yet not have enough faith in Jesus to keep from going to hell.

Christianity focuses upon finding \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ but religion focuses on man-made rules.

Man-made religion provides a way to avoid admitting any real moral failure and dismissing any need to come to God with honesty and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

1. **The Claims**

Jesus knew it was the Sabbath, and he purposefully healed the man on this day to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ this controversy!

The controversy between them centered upon the issue of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. All of these signs in John have to do with authority!

Jesus had divine authority because he is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_!

Jesus claimed the healing had the Father's approval in spite of their \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Jesus is not under their authority. Because as God, he has the authority to give \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to whomever he wishes.

**Conclusion**

The emphasis is that Jesus gives \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. That is John’s claim because that is Jesus’ claim. Read vs 24-29.

The man lying by the pool was dying a slow death--but Jesus gave him life. The truth is, we also are dying.  It's just a matter of time.  Jesus offers to give us life and make us alive to God and spare us from judgment.