

The Gospel of John

Lesson 5: *Do You Wish to Be Well* John 5 (8 June 26AD)

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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. The day on which this took place was a Sabbath, 10 and so 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, for Jesus had slipped away into the crowd that was there.

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.

16 So, because Jesus was doing these things on the Sabbath, the Jewish leaders began to persecute him. 17 In his defense Jesus said to them, “My Father is always at his work to this very day, and I too am working.” 18 For this reason they tried all the more to kill him; not only was he breaking the Sabbath, but he was even calling God his own Father, making himself equal with God.

19 Jesus gave them this answer: “Very truly I tell you, the Son can do nothing by himself; he can do only what he sees his Father doing, because whatever the Father does the Son also does. 20 For the Father loves the Son and shows him all he does. Yes, and he will show him even greater works than these, so that you will be amazed. 21 For just as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, even so the Son gives life to whom he is pleased to give it. 22 Moreover, the Father judges no one, but has entrusted 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 “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. 25 Very truly I tell you, a time is coming and has now come 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. 27 And he has given him authority to judge because he is the Son of Man.

28 “Do not be amazed at this, for a time is coming when all who are in their graves will hear his voice 29 and come out—those who have done what is good will rise to live, and those who have done what is evil will rise to be condemned. 30 By myself I can do nothing; I judge only as I hear, and my judgment is just, for I seek not to please myself but him who sent me.

31 “If I testify about myself, my testimony is not true. 32 There is another who testifies in my favor, and I know that his testimony about me is true.

33 “You have sent to John and he has testified to the truth. 34 Not that I accept human testimony; but I mention it that you may be saved. 35 John was a lamp that burned and gave light, and you chose for a time to enjoy his light.

36 “I have testimony weightier than that of John. For the works that the Father has given me to finish—the very works that I am doing—testify that the Father has sent me. 37 And the Father who sent me has himself testified concerning me. You have never heard his voice nor seen his form, 38 nor does his word dwell in you, for you do not believe the one he sent. 39 You study the Scriptures diligently because you think that in them you have eternal life. These are the very Scriptures that testify about me, 40 yet you refuse to come to me to have life.

41 “I do not accept glory from human beings, 42 but I know you. I know that you do not have the love of God in your hearts. 43 I have come in my Father’s name, and you do not accept me; but if someone else comes in his own name, you will accept him. 44 How can you believe since you accept glory from one another but do not seek the glory that comes from the only God?

45 “But do not think I will accuse you before the Father. Your accuser is Moses, on whom your hopes are set. 46 If you believed Moses, you would believe me, for he wrote about me. 47 But since you do not believe what he wrote, how are you going to believe what I say?”

Jesus Saves a Gentile Official

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Jesus Heals at the Pool of Bethesda

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Exodus 15:26 He said, “If you **listen** carefully to the **LORD** your God and **do** what is right in his eyes, if you **pay attention** to his commands and **keep** all his decrees, I will not bring on you any of the diseases I brought on the Egyptians, for **I am the LORD, who heals you.**”

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8 Then Jesus said to him, “Get up! Pick up your mat and walk.”

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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, (Jesus works in the lives of people even when they do not know who he is!)** for Jesus had slipped away into the crowd that was there.

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.

16 So, because Jesus was doing these things on the **Sabbath**, the Jewish leaders began to persecute him. 17 In his defense Jesus said to them, "My **Father** is always at his work to this very day, and I too am working." **(What about God's day of rest? Not a do nothing rest)**

18 For this reason they tried all the more to kill him; not only was he breaking the Sabbath, but he was even **calling God his own Father, making himself equal with God. (Equality with God is blasphemous unless you are God.)**

19 Jesus gave them this answer: "Very truly I tell you, **the Son can do nothing by himself; (Jesus worked in the power of the Holy Spirit of God not His own)** he can do only what he sees his Father doing, because whatever the Father does the Son also does. 20 For the Father loves the Son and shows him all he does. Yes, and he will show him even greater works than these, so that you will be amazed. 21 For just as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, even so the **Son gives life** to whom he is pleased to give it. 22 Moreover, the Father judges no one, but has entrusted all judgment to the Son, 23 that all may **honor the Son just as they honor the Father. (Jesus will be honored)** Whoever does not honor the Son does not honor the Father, who sent him.

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28 "Do not be amazed at this, for a time is coming when all who are in their graves will hear his voice 29 and come out—those who have **done** what is good will rise to live, and those who have **done** what is evil will rise to be condemned. **(Eternal Reward or Punishment is by works which are a result of our beliefs)** 30 By myself I can do nothing; I judge only as I hear, and my judgment is just, for **I seek not to please myself but him who sent me. (Christ pleases God the Father.)**

31 "If I testify about myself, my testimony is not true. 32 There is another who testifies in my favor, and I know that **his** testimony about me is true. **(Any one can say anything - but can you back it up?)**

33 "You have sent to **John** and he has testified to the truth. 34 Not that I accept **human** testimony; **(Anyone can say anything about someone else but how do we know it's truth?)** but I mention it that you may be saved. 35 **John** was a lamp that burned and gave light, **(John was a credible witness)** and you chose for a time to enjoy his light.

36 "I have testimony **weightier** than that of John. For the works that the **Father** has given me to finish—the very works that I am doing—testify that the **Father** has sent me. **(Watch the fruit/works. Does he love?)** 37 And the **Father** who sent me has himself **testified** concerning me. You have never heard his voice nor seen his form, **(Unbelief causes Dull ears and Dull eyes)** 38 **nor does his word dwell in you, (They cannot see the kingdom of God)** for you do not believe **the one he sent. (They reject His word and Spirit)** 39 You study the **Scriptures** diligently because you **think (The scriptures are good, but if you do not believe them, accept them, live by them, it does no good)** that in them you have eternal life. These are the very **Scriptures** that **testify about me**, 40 yet you refuse to come to me to have **life. (Life is foreign to them.)**

Isaiah 6:9 He said, "Go and tell this people: " 'Be ever hearing, but never understanding; be ever seeing, but never perceiving.' 10 **Make the heart of this people calloused; make their ears dull and close their eyes. Otherwise they might see with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their hearts, and turn and be healed."**

41 "I do not accept glory from human beings, **(Men are fickle)** 42 but I know you. I know that you do not have the **love of God (Love of God is all important)** in your hearts. 43 I have come in **my Father's name, (Jehovah saves)** and you do not accept me; but if **someone else** comes in his own name, **(Jesus came in His Father's loving character, and the anti-Christ will come in the character of man, the 666)** you will accept him. 44 How can you believe since you accept glory from one another but do not seek the **glory that comes from the only God?**

45 "But do not think I will accuse you before the Father. Your accuser is **Moses**, on whom your hopes are set. 46 **If you believed Moses, you would believe me, for he wrote about me. (The very scriptures will be used to condemn them)** 47 But since you do not believe what he wrote, how are you going to believe what I say?" **(If you can't believe the Bible, you will not believe the Spirit speaking to you today, and you may be deceived by the false prophets speaking today.)**

Saturday 22 June 26AD Mark 2:26 In the days of **Abiathar** the high priest, he entered the house of God and ate the consecrated bread, which is lawful only for priests to eat. And he gave some to his companions."... **28 So the Son of Man is Lord even of the Sabbath."**

1Kings 2:26 **To Abiathar the priest** the king said, "Go back to your fields in Anathoth. You deserve to die, but I will not put you to death now, because you carried the ark of the Sovereign LORD before my father David and shared all my father's hardships." **27 So Solomon removed Abiathar from the priesthood of the LORD, fulfilling the word the LORD had spoken at Shiloh about the house of Eli.**

Wednesday 3 July 26AD Matthew 9:27 As Jesus went on from there, **two blind men** followed him, calling out, "**Have mercy on us, Son of David!**"

Mark 10:46 Then they came to Jericho. As Jesus and his disciples, together with a large crowd, were leaving the city, **a blind man, Bartimaeus** (which means "son of Timaeus"), was sitting by the roadside begging. 47 When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout, "Jesus, **Son of David, have mercy on me!**"

Psalms 19:7 The **law of the LORD** is perfect, converting the soul: the **testimony** of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple.

8 The **statutes** of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; the **commandment** of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes.

9 The **fear of the LORD** is clean, enduring for ever: the **judgments of the LORD** are true and righteous altogether.

10 More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold: sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb.

11 Moreover by them is thy servant **warned:** and in **keeping** of them there is great reward.