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**The Miracles of Jesus**

**John 5:1-17 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

The Big Picture

* Signs (miracles) of Jesus illustrate and authenticate the person of Jesus.
* John presents them alongside the dialogue with the Jews who challenge the identity and work of Jesus.
* Miracle of John 5:1-17 leads to discussion on the authority and claims of Jesus to be the Son of God.

John 5:1-17: Zooming in

* Vs 2-5 – A multitude of the sick and disabled – helpless and hopeless.
* Vs 4 – A later addition by a scribe – explains the ‘healing’ belief.
* Vs 6 – Jesus didn’t heal everyone. “When Jesus saw him there and knew that he had already been there a long time…”
* Vs 6b – “Do you want to be healed?” - Why did Jesus ask this question?
* Does the invalid have a desire to be whole, or does he want to stay in his miserable state? (NOTE: It’s a question not just for the sick, but for sinners.)
* Vs 7 – Sick man is full of self-pity.
* Vs 8 – Jesus is not daunted. Gives him 3 commands – ‘get up’, ‘take up your bed’, ’walk’
* Vs9 – At once, man is healed and does all 3 things Jesus said, on this Sabbath.
* Vs 10 - The TWIST – Religious leaders upset that the Sabbath laws are broken!
* Vs 11-13 – Healed man claims ignorance. Jesus has left the scene.
* Vs 14: Jesus finds him in the temple. “See, you are well! Sin no more, that nothing worse may happen to you.”

2 possible meanings

A) His sin caused his sickness – and Jesus was warning him to repent and change his ways.

B) He is well physically, but needs more so to be well spiritually – or he will also be judged!

**Is sickness always the result of sin?**

***Yes*** – because we live in a sin-plagued, broken world – our own sin, the sins of others and the work of the enemy result in sickness and disease. (Deut. 28:59; 29:22;1 Sam. 25:38; 2 Kings 5:27; 2 Chron. 26:19-20; Luke 13:10-13,16; Acts 13:6-11).

***No*** – Not all sickness is the result of our personal sin. (John 9:1-13)

* Vs 15 – Man tells Jews that Jesus healed him.
* Vs 16 – Jews persecuted Jesus.

**Application - 3 things Jesus says:**

1) “Do you want to be healed?” – *Invitation* (Matthew 11:28-29, John 1:12).

2) “Sin no more, that nothing worse may happen to you.” – *Salvation/sanctification* (John 8:36; 17:17).

3) “My Father is working until now, and I am working.” – *Mission* (John 17:18, 20:21).

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