

JESUS JOURNEY

40 DAYS IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF CHRIST

WEEK 4

How God Changes Me

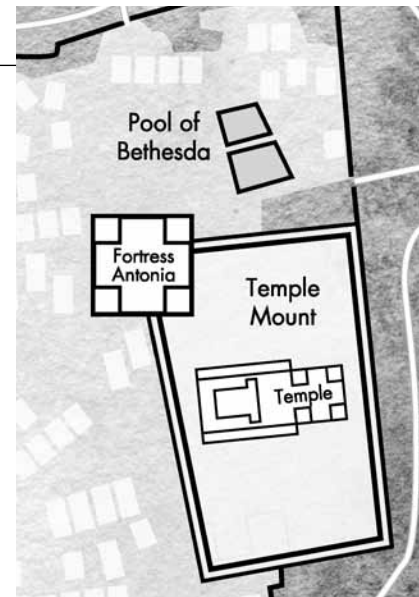
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Miracles were part of the “job description” of the Messiah

The heavens and the earth will obey His Messiah. . . He will **heal the sick**, resurrect the dead, and to the poor announce glad tidings. *Qumran cave 4, fragment 4Q521*

Then will the eyes of the blind be opened and the ears of the deaf unstopped. Then will the **lame leap like a deer**, and the mute tongue shout for joy. *Isaiah 35:5–6*

Jesus went throughout Galilee. . . proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and **healing every disease and sickness** among the people. *Matthew 4:23*



Jerusalem

The Setting

Some time later, Jesus went up to Jerusalem for a feast of the Jews. Now there is in Jerusalem near the Sheep Gate a pool, which in Aramaic is called Bethesda and which is surrounded by five covered colonnades. Here a great number of disabled people used to lie — the blind, the lame, the paralyzed. *John 5:1–3*



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How can I be changed?

1. Admit _____

One man had been an invalid there for **thirty-eight years**. . . *John 5:5*

2. Answer _____

When Jesus saw him stretched out by the pool and **knew how long he had been there** he said, “**Do you want to get well?**” *John 5:6*

Literally: “Do you want to be _____?”

Why would I not want to be healed of my affliction?

I’m _____ with it

I’m _____ with it

I’m _____ by it

I’m _____ by it

“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.” *John 5:7*

3. Act _____

Then Jesus said to him, “Get up! Pick up your mat and walk.” At once the man was cured; he picked up his mat and walked. *John 5:8–9*

No _____; just _____.

The man hadn’t done anything to be “worthy” of healing, and in fact, was incapable of it. Jesus simply gives him the gift of wholeness.

POSTSCRIPT: Don’t expect everyone to be happy you’re healed

[The religious leaders] stopped the healed man and said, “It’s the Sabbath. You can’t carry your bedroll around. **It’s against the rules.**” *John 5:10*

The big question:

Am I focused on a performance-based _____
or the gracious _____?

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Here’s where we’ve been and where we’re going on our...

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