



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’
- Vs 9 – 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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