

The Life

Part 14

Sign #3: Healing a Lame Man

John 5:1-15

Launch

What do you think is the most common proverbial phrase or piece of advice that people think is in the Bible, but really isn't? (For example, "God helps those who help themselves.")

Explore

Read the passage

Why did people think they'd be healed by entering the Pool of Bethesda? Where do you suppose this belief came from?

If you haven't heard this week's sermon yet, read this brief explanation for some context: <https://drivethruhistory.com/pool-of-bethesda/>

Why would Jesus ask this man, "Do you want to be healed?"

The man eventually tells the Pharisees that Jesus is the one who healed him. Do you view this as a betrayal, as the man tattling on Jesus? Why or why not?

Apply

Jesus not only confronted the Greek mythology-based roots of the Pool, but also the Sabbath tradition of the Pharisees. What unbiblical traditions and beliefs do you think He is confronting today?

If you are a Christian, Jesus has offered you wholeness and healing. What difference has this made in your life? What are some areas of your life that still need healing?

It's been said, "Once we are cured, we must share the cure with others." Who are people in your life who need the healing touch of Jesus?

Pray

Pray that we would look to Jesus alone for healing, wholeness, and life.