

LESSONS THIS QUARTER

- 1) 01 Sept 2013 ..... John 1:1-18 ..... God Revealed
- 2) 08 Sept ..... John 1:19-51 ..... Jesus Identified
- 3) 15 Sept ..... John 2:1-25 ..... Authority Acknowledged
- 4) 22 Sept ..... John 3:1-36 ..... Salvation Offered
- 5) 29 Sept ..... John 4:1-38 ..... The Power to Give Life
- 6) 06 Oct ..... John 4:39-54 ..... The Power to Save
- 7) 13 Oct ..... John 5:1-47 ..... The Power to Heal**
- 8) 20 Oct ..... John 6:1-71 ..... The Power to Meet Needs
- 9) 27 Oct ..... John 7:1-52 ..... Asking Questions About Jesus
- 10) 03 Nov ..... John 7:53-8:59 ..... Wondering About Judgment
- 11) 10 Nov ..... John 9:1-41 ..... Doubting Jesus' Power
- 12) 17 Nov ..... John 10:1-42 ..... Feeling Insecure?
- 13) 24 Nov ..... John 11:1-57 ..... Dealing with Death

INTRODUCTION

- Apostle John hits us with the events that surround Jesus healing a man on the Sabbath – the 3<sup>rd</sup> sign of His special calling.
- How many people did Jesus heal on the Sabbath?.....**All of 'em**
  - 1. Man with withered hand ..... Mat 12:10; Mark 3:2; Luke 6:10
  - 2. Man with an unclean spirit ..... Mark 1:21-28; Luke 4:31-37
  - 3. Peter's mother-in-law ..... Mark 1:29-31
  - 4. Crippled man at the pool of Bethesda ..... John 5:9**
  - 5. Man born blind ..... John 9
  - 6. Woman crippled by an evil spirit for 18 years ..... Luke 13:11-14
  - 7. Man with dropsy (edema) ..... Luke 14:1-4

Passage	Comments
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ Those at the pool of Bethesda did not seek out Jesus, but instead sought for a healing from a mythical or legendary source. So those who made it to the water after supposedly an Angel stirred it received, at best, a psychosomatic healing</li> <li>♦ Also consider that Jesus was on a mission to reveal Himself to the world. His priority was on teaching, which provided permanent healing to the soul. Physical healings and miracles were secondary since they could only provide temporary comfort.</li> </ul>
5:18-30	<p><b>Jesus' Equality with God</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• vv19-20. Jesus makes it plain that He and God are on the same page, which the Jews would properly interpret as making Himself equal with God</li> <li>• v21. As God the Father raises the dead, so can God the Son (Jesus)</li> <li>• vv22-30. All judgment &amp; honor belong to both Father &amp; Son; and eternal life is given to those who accept this</li> </ul>
5:31-47	<p><b>BUT, Can Jesus Substantiate His Claim of Equality?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• v31. Jesus acknowledged His words must be validated</li> <li>• <b>Witness #1 (vv33-35) – John the Baptist</b> testified Christ was the Messiah in accordance to Scripture</li> <li>• <b>Witness #2 (v36) – His Works</b> (healings and miracles) were accomplished in accordance to Scripture</li> <li>• <b>Witness #3 (vv37-38) – God the Father</b> testified</li> <li>• <b>Witness #4 (v39) – The Scriptures</b> testify</li> <li>• v40. "You are unwilling to come to Me that you might have life" – That's the key to eternal life → <b>Our Will</b></li> <li>• v47. If people do not believe Moses (aka Scriptures) they won't believe even if the dead are raised . Lk 16:31</li> </ul>

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John 5:1-17	<p><b>Jesus to the Rescue</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• v3. We see the same kind of ailments Jesus ALWAYS cured of those who followed Him – BUT these people surrounding the pool either were not yet aware of Jesus, or they preferred to stay in their comfort zone</li> <li>• vv5-8. Jesus picks on 1 man to heal – BUT WHY?                     <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ Did the man exhibit any faith in Jesus? ..... <b>No</b></li> <li>♦ Was the man even saved? ..... <b>Probably not</b></li> <li>♦ Was the man more righteous than others? . <b>Can't tell</b></li> <li>♦ Did Jesus use him to provoke a response from the Jewish leaders? ..... <b>Oh yeah</b></li> </ul> </li> <li>• v9. Typical of Jesus' healings – it was immediate and complete. Do we see the same kind of healings today?</li> <li>• vv10-13. The Jews saw the man "working" on the Sabbath by carrying a burden (a capital offense), so they confronted him – and the man shifted blame</li> <li>• v14. "Do not sin anymore, lest something worse happens to you" – Are all ailments due to sin?                     <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ In its truest sense, YES, since Adam's fall put the world under a curse of death</li> <li>♦ Some ailments are due to godly discipline, judgment, or, as in Job's case, for God's glory</li> <li>♦ And there are specific sins which can cause specific illnesses to the bones, heart, mind, etc. (e.g., Ps 38)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• v14. The Jews were upset because Jesus didn't do things their way – How do we keep our knickers from knotting up when Jesus doesn't do things our way?</li> </ul>
<b>Compassion vs. Mission</b>	<p>Scripture is clear that Jesus healed anyone and everyone of anything and everything, as noted in last week's lesson (Mat 4:23; 8:16; 9:35; 10:1; 12:15). So why did Jesus pick on just 1 lone individual to heal in this case and avoided showing compassion to the other sick people surrounding the pool of Bethesda?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ Consider this – Jesus healed ALL those who came to Him for healings, BUT He healed selectively those who did not seek Him out (e.g., raising the widow's son and the healings of various demoniacs)</li> </ul>

CONCLUSION/APPLICATIONS

- Jesus might have healed a lone man to pick a fight with the Jews, but it was a fight worth fighting, for from it we learned that through Scripture, Jesus is the Son of God, and His redemptive plan is for all those who are willing to come to Him on His terms

**NEXT WEEK: John 6:1-71.** Jesus heals and feeds the multitudes (5000+ families), and tells them the next day to quit looking for a free meal and start working for the food that endures to eternal life

