

Chapter 5

(1) After this there was a feast of the Jews; and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

(2) Now there is at Jerusalem by the sheep *market* a pool, which is called in the Hebrew tongue Bethesda {house of kindness},^a having five porches.

(3) In these lay a great multitude of handicapped folk, of blind, lame, withered, waiting for the moving of the water.

(4) Because an angel went down at a certain season into the pool, and troubled the water: whoever then stepped in first after the troubling of the water was healed of whatever disease he had.

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(5) And a certain man was there, who had an infirmity thirty-eight years.^b

(6) When Jesus saw him laying there, and knew that he had been now a long time *in that shape*, He said to him, **Do you want to be healed?**

(7) The lame man answered him, Sir, when the water is troubled I have no man to put me into the pool: but while I am coming, another steps down before me.

(8) Jesus said to him, **Rise, take up your bed, and walk.**

(9) And immediately the man was healed, and took up his bed, and walked: and that same day was the sabbath {Saturday}.

(10) The Jews therefore said to him who was cured, It is the sabbath day {Saturday}: it is not lawful for you to carry *your* bed.

(11) He answered them, He Who healed me, the same said to me, Take up your bed, and walk.

(12) Then they asked him, What man is he who said to you, Take up your bed, and walk?

(13) And he who was healed did not know Who it was: because Jesus had gone away, since there was a multitude in *that* place.

(14) Afterwards Jesus found him in the temple, and said to him, **See, you are healed: sin no more, lest a worse thing comes to you.**

(15) The man departed, and told the Jews that it was Jesus, Who had healed him.

(16) And therefore the Jews persecuted Jesus, and sought to kill Him, because He had done these things on the sabbath day {Saturday}.

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5:2a – Bethesda {βηθεσδα} from Hebrew {בית חסד} – house of kindness

5:5b – lame man healed – see Appendix A: Recorded Miracles in the Bible