

The Paralyzed Man

John 5:1-18

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The Story Pt: 1

There once was a man who was paralyzed for 38 years. He wanted to step into the pool called Bethesda, because if he stepped into it, he would be healed from his disease.



The image features a circular inset on the left side, showing a close-up of water with ripples. The background is a photograph of a stone pool with several people gathered around it. One person is in the water, while others are on the stone steps. The scene is set in a stone-walled enclosure.

Bethesda

So you might be wondering, how did the sick people get healed from the pool? Well, the answer is actually very simple, an angel of the lord went down at a certain time into the pool, and stirred the water. Whoever stepped in first after the stirring of the water was made well of whatever disease he had.

The Story Pt: 2

In Bethesda lay a great multitude of helpless, blind, halt, withered men waiting for the stirring of the water. When Jesus saw him lying down, he knew that he was Paralyzed, he said unto him,

"Do you want to be made whole?"

The paralyzed man answered him,

"Sir, I have no man when the water is stirred to put me into the pool, but while I am coming, another steps down before me."

Then Jesus said,

"Rise, take up your bed and walk"

And immediately the man was made whole, and took up his bed, and walked. And that day was the sabbath



The Sabbath

The sabbath day is a Saturday. It was a day of rest and a time of worship. You couldn't do anything else on the sabbath day. God even said,

"Remember the **sabbath day**, to keep it holy"

It is a day of religious observance and abstinence from work, kept by Jews from Friday evening to Saturday evening, and by most Christians on Sunday.

The Story Pt: 3

The Jews said to the man that was cured,
"It is the sabbath day. It is not lawful for
you to carry your bed."

He answered them,

"The one who made me whole told my
to take up my bed and walk"

Then they asked him,

"Who is the man told you take up your
bed and walk?"

He did not know who healed him because
there was a great multitude at that time



The Story Pt: 4

Afterwards, Jesus found him in the temple and said to him,

" See, you have been made well, sin no more or else worse things may come upon you."

The man left and told the Jews that it was Jesus who made him well. For this reason the Jews wanted to kill Jesus, because he had healed the man on the sabbath.

But Jesus answered,

"My father has been working until now, and I have been working."

Therefore, The Jews wanted to kill Jesus even more because he did not only break the sabbath but also said God was his father, making him equal to God.





Conclusion

I hope you learned something from this. Thank you.