John Lesson 13

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INTRODUCTION

- We pointed out from the very beginning of this study of the Gospel of John that it is written from a unique point of view. That is to prove the deity of Jesus Christ.
- These are written, that you might believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, that believing you might have life through his name.
- In John chapter 5, this is the third of the signs that is recorded in the Gospel of John, where a man who had been lame for some thirty-eight years is now made whole by our Lord.

1 He Has Power Over Time

John 5:1–9

- But now in our lesson today, we read how that he has power over time.
- It mattered not that a man may have been impotent or lame for some thirty-eight years. Jesus was able to say, Rise, take up thy bed and walk.
- When Jesus saw him lie and knew that he had been now a long time in that case, he saith unto him, Wilt thou be made whole?

2 The Power of Our Lord Jesus Christ

- The power of Jesus Christ was of such effect that it happened immediately.
- Even the enemies of Jesus did not contest the fact that a miracle had been worked.
- Are miracles really being worked today? Like those we read about in the Bible? If so, then one of the characteristics should be that it's done immediately.

3 Faith in This Man Was Not Essential

John 5:13

- But a second point that I want you to observe is that faith in this man was not essential.
- He didn't really know who Jesus was.
- In the Word of God in the New Testament time, healing was done immediately, and faith was not essential in the part or in the heart of the one who was being healed.

4 Some Reject the Works of the Lord Jesus Christ

John 11:47–48; John 12:37; 2 Thessalonians 2:10–12

- There are some who reject the works of the Lord Jesus Christ.
- They did not deny the miracle he worked, but they found fault with what he did because he did it on the Sabbath day.
- If we are not with an open mind, we can deny the truth and accept a lie in the place of truth.

- They believe a lie in the place of the truth, though they had the truth right in front of them.

5 Did Jesus Really Break the Sabbath Day?

John 5:10–16; Mark 2:27–28; Matthew 12:11–12

- And therefore did the Jews persecute Jesus and sought to slay him, because he had done these things on the Sabbath day.
- The scripture says Jesus did no sin, and if he broke the Sabbath day, he certainly would have been a sinner.
- The Sabbath is made for men, not man for the Sabbath. Even the Son of Man, he is Lord over the Sabbath.
- No, Jesus did not break the Sabbath law.

6 To Whom Was the Sabbath Day Given?

Deuteronomy 5:1–16; 2 Corinthians 3:7–14; Colossians 2:14–17

- There are those today who accuse Christians of breaking God's law when we worship on the first day of the week rather than the Sabbath day.
- It was given only to Israel, to the children of Israel.
- The law of Moses that taught about the Sabbath day is not binding today.
- Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross.
- But in Christ we have the Lord's day as the first day of the week. That's the day on which Christ arose from the grave.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **Today, be a Christian, follow the gospel.**

MY NOTES