

Text: John 5

## Study Outline

- I. A man Healed at the pool of Bethesda (vss. 1-15)**
  - a. An indeterminate time: A feast of the Jews (vs. 1)
  - b. A specific place: In Jerusalem, at a pool, called Bethesda, by the Sheep Gate.
  - c. A moment of Grace: Bethesda is translated “House of Grace” or “Place of Outpouring” (vs. 2).
  - d. People in need flocked to this place for the stirring of the waters (vss. 3-4).
  - e. A certain man was there (vss. 5).
  - f. The question of the ages, the responses and the outcome: “Do you want to be made well?” (vss. 6-15).
  
- II. Honor the Father and the Son (vss. 16-23)**
  - a. The Jews of the time sought to kill Jesus for two reasons. What were they? (vss. 16-18).
  - b. What was the point Jesus was making when He said, “ My Father has been working until now, and I have been working.” (vs. 17).
  - c. In vss. 19-23, Jesus provides at least 5 distinct connections or relationships between the Father and the Son, What are they?
    - i. The Son can do nothing of Himself, but what he sees the Father do. For what He sees the Father do, for whatever He does, the Son also does in like manner. (vs. 19).
    - ii. The Father loves the Son and shows Him all things that He Himself does (vs 20).
    - iii. As the Father raises the dead and gives life to them, even so the Son gives life to whom He will (vs. 21)
    - iv. The Father judges no one, but has committed all judgment to the Son (vs 22).

v. All who honor the Father should honor the Son (vs. 23)

**III. Life and Judgment are Through the Son (vss. 24 – 30)**

- a. What does it mean to pass from death to life? (vs. 24).
- b. Jesus gives insight into the resurrection (vss. 25-29).
- c. Jesus' said his judgment is righteous because "I do not seek My own will but the will of the Father who sent me." (vs. 30).

**IV. The Fourfold Witness (vss. 31-47)**

- a. Witness #1: John the Baptist (vss. 33 - 35).
- b. Witness #2: The works the Father sent Jesus to do (vs. 36).
- c. Witness #3: The Father Himself testifies of Jesus (vs. 37).
- d. Witness #4: The Scriptures testify of Jesus (vss. 38-39).

**V. Reflection/Discussion Questions**

- a. Jesus told the people of His time that they were not willing to come to Jesus. Based on what you see in verses 40-47, what were some of the reasons some of the people would not come to Jesus?
- b. What are the reasons today that people do not come to Jesus?
- c. What about you? Do you desire to be made well?