

John Chapter 5

1. What was unusual about the pool of Bethesda?
2. Jesus found a man at this pool who had been an invalid (crippled) for _____ years.
3. What was the question Jesus asked the man He found beside the pool?
4. How did the man respond to Jesus' question?
5. What three things did Jesus instruct the man to do?
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
 - c. _____
6. For what reason did the Jews criticize the man after he was healed?
7. Did the man tell the Jews who had healed him?
8. Later, when Jesus found the man at the temple, what did Jesus tell him to do and why?
9. What is the first reason given for the persecution of Jesus by the Jews?
10. For what other reason did they try even harder to kill him?
11. To whom has God given the task of judging the world, according to verse 22?
12. Rewrite verse 24 in your own words.
13. What does Jesus say will happen to the following people?
 - a. Those who have done good?
 - b. Those who have done evil?

14. What good things does Jesus have to say about John the Baptist?
15. What are three “greater witnesses” than JTB that Jesus mentions in verses 36-40?
- a. _____
 - b. _____
 - c. _____
16. Who does Jesus say will be the one who accuses the Jews before God?

Digging Deeper:

1. Why do you think Jesus asked the disabled man beside the pool, “Do you want to get well?” What do this man’s actions show you about his faith in Jesus before he was healed? Why didn’t Jesus heal someone else instead?

2. What does the Jews reaction to this healing tell you about them? How did they feel toward this man? What was the most important thing to them?

3. In verse 22 Jesus says that God has given the power to judge us to the Son. How can Jesus be both our judge and our Savior?

4. Jesus says in verse 25 that the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God? Who are the dead people he is referring to? How will they hear his voice after they are dead?

5. What was the obstacle to the Jews believing in Jesus? Why are some people so willing to accept other things but find it difficult to accept Jesus?

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1. **What was unusual about the pool of Bethesda?** *People came to this pool to be healed when the waters were stirred. It was believed that angel came and stirred the waters. (Verse 4 was probably added later to explain why the sick came to the pool.)*
2. **Jesus found a man at this pool who had been an invalid (crippled) for 38 years.**
3. **What was the question Jesus asked the man He found beside the pool?** *“Do you want to be healed?” It seems like an obvious answer. Perhaps Jesus was testing his faith. Maybe the man just wanted sympathy or had given up on trying.*
4. **How did the man respond to Jesus’ question?** *He did not answer the question he just complained that no one would help him. This shows that he felt sorry for himself.*
5. **What three things did Jesus instruct the man to do?**
 - a. Get up
 - b. Pick up his mat *(He knew the Jews would tell him he was breaking the Sabbath.)*
 - c. Walk
6. **For what reason did the Jews criticize the man after he was healed?** *The criticized him for carrying his mat on the Sabbath. They knew this man was crippled but the could not recognize the miracle because they were too focused on the rules.*
7. **Did the man tell the Jews who had healed him? Why?** *At first he did not tell them because he did not know who Jesus was. Later after seeing Jesus in the temple he told them.*
8. **Later, when Jesus found the man at the temple, what did Jesus tell him to do and why?** *Jesus told him to stop sinning. Jesus knew this man would be a witness for him and wanted him to show that with his life. Jesus said, “Something worse might happen to him. This does not necessarily tie sin with his being crippled. Just that hell is worse than being crippled.”*
9. **What is the first reason given for the persecution of Jesus by the Jews?** *Jesus had healed on the Sabbath. Again, they were missing the miracle. They saw Jesus as a threat to their power but also they were afraid Jesus would upset the delicate balance of power and bring disorder.*
10. **For what other reason did they try even harder to kill him?** *Jesus was claiming to be the son of God*
11. **To whom has God given the task of judging the world, according to verse 22?** *To the Son. Also point out that Jesus said in verse 19 and in verse 30 that he can do nothing by himself. Jesus saw God as the source of all His power and authority.*
12. **Rewrite verse 24 in your own words.** *Answers will vary: “The truth is that those who hear Jesus message and believe that he came from God will live forever and be saved from death.”*
13. **What does Jesus say will happen to the following people?**
 - d. **Those who have done good?** *They will rise to life.*
 - e. **Those who have done evil?** *They will rise to be condemned.*

Jesus said in verse 21 that this life is given not earned. So, the doing “good” here must be believing in the Son of God.

14. **What good things does Jesus have to say about John the Baptist?** *John testified to the truth. John was a “lamp” that gave light.*
15. **What are three “greater witnesses” than JTB that Jesus mentions in verses 36-40?**
- f. The work Jesus did
 - g. The Father
 - h. The word or the scriptures
16. **Who does Jesus say will be the one who accuses the Jews before God?** *Moses will accuse them. Moses was the one who gave them the law and the law is what will condemn them because they did not believe what it said about the Messiah.*

Digging Deeper:

1. **Why do you think Jesus asked the disabled man beside the pool, “Do you want to get well?” What do this man’s actions show you about his faith in Jesus before he was healed? Why didn’t Jesus heal someone else instead?** *Perhaps Jesus was testing his faith. The man did not answer the question, he just complained. Maybe the man just wanted sympathy or had given up on trying. Jesus may have chosen this man because he would be recognized as being crippled. Maybe Jesus was trying to make a point to him about not giving up hope.*
2. **What does the Jews reaction to this healing tell you about them? How did they feel toward this man? What was the most important thing to them?** *The Jew here were so focused on following the law that they did not recognize the miracle of the healing. We sometimes miss the miracle of Jesus as well. The most important thing to these leaders was following the law because they thought the law helped keep the order. The balance of power was so delicate at that time that they were afraid that even the smallest disruption could bring the wrath of the Romans down upon them.*
3. **In verse 22 Jesus says that God has given the power to judge us to the Son. How can Jesus be both our judge and our Savior?** *Jesus saw all the authority coming from God. He said that he could do nothing on his own, only what he saw in the Father. Jesus held up God’s standard and used that to judge. Since we all fell short of that measure Jesus died to take our place*
4. **Jesus says in verse 25 that the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God? Who are the dead people he is referring to? How will they hear his voice after they are dead?** *Perhaps the death he is referring to is the death caused by sin. We are all dead to sin, but we can still hear His message. When we believe that message we are saved from the eternal death caused by sin.*
5. **What was the obstacle to the Jews believing in Jesus? Why are some people so willing to accept other things but find it difficult to accept Jesus?** *Jesus tells these Jews in verse 42 that their biggest obstacle is that they do not have the love of God in their hearts. People who have a hard time believing that anyone could so completely love them have that same problem. The Jews also felt like they could follow the law so well that they would be saved. It is so hard to admit that we can’t do it on our own.*