

FINAL NOTES - THIS WEEK'S STUDY – 11/6-7/2023

(John 5:1-29) – A Man Healed at the Pool of Bethesda! Honor the Father and the Son! Life and Judgment are Through the Son!

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OPENING PRAYER

The Gospel According to John:

- To fully understand this Gospel, we need to understand the purpose of the Holy Spirit in writing it, (Joh 20:30-31) *And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book; [31] but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing, you may have life in His name.*

Review from last week: Jesus and the Woman of Samaria; The harvest is white; The Nobleman's Son is healed. In chapter five, we find Him returning again to Jerusalem for a feast.

THIS WEEK'S STUDY: A Man Healed at the Pool of Bethesda - Chapter 5: vs. 1-15! Honor the Father and the Son – vs. 16-23; Life and Judgment are Through the Son – vs. 24-29!

The Healing at the Pool of Bethesda on the Sabbath – vs. 1-15

Joh 5:1 After this there was a feast of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

Joh 5:2 Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate a pool, which is called in Hebrew, Bethesda, having five porches.

- After a period of time, Jesus went up to Jerusalem from His ministry in the Galilee region to minister at one of the other feasts. It really doesn't matter which one. Here, John is just giving us a little background to the story. He's telling you, there in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate, is a pool, which is called in Hebrew, Bethesda, having five porches. Bethesda is the house of mercy, or house of outpouring. So this pool was called the house of mercy, a pool with five porches and near the sheep gate, somewhere on the northeast side of the city of Jerusalem.

Joh 5:3-4 In these lay a great multitude of sick people, blind, lame, paralyzed, waiting for the moving of the water. [4] For an angel went down at a certain time into the pool and stirred up the water; then whoever stepped in first, after the stirring of the water, was made well of whatever disease he had.

- **What an interesting phenomena!** All of the sick people around the pool were waiting for the waters to be stirred and then there was a mad scramble, once the water was stirred to get into the pool first. Whoever was the first in, was healed. So you can imagine the commotion whenever the waters were stirred, how all of these people—the blind, lame, paralyzed and all, were eager to get into the water.
- **There is tremendous power in faith.** God has given to every man a measure of faith because the scriptures declares that is so. What we believe is very important. I do believe that there is such a thing as what we might say, triggering or activating our faith.
- **We read in (Act 5:15) so that they brought the sick out into the streets and laid them on beds and couches, that at least the shadow of Peter passing by might fall on some of them.** People were healed as the result of Peter's shadow falling on them. How do you explain that? I believe it's explained by faith, that if a person has faith and he believes that God is going to touch me, the moment Peter's shadow falls on me, that our faith at that moment is triggered, it's activated. Thus, people were healed as the result of Peter's shadow falling on them.
- **Remember the woman who came through the crowd when Jesus was on His way with Jairus** because of his daughter's being at the point of death, (Mar 5:23) *and begged Him earnestly, saying, "My little daughter lies at the point of death. Come and lay Your hands on her, that she may be healed, and she will live."* And the hemorrhaging woman, (Mar 5:27) *When she heard about Jesus, she came behind Him in the*

crowd and touched His garment. Jesus turned and said, Who touched Me? Perceiving that virtue that went out from Me. The woman came and kneeled, trembling, confessing that she had had this hemorrhaging for twelve years. She felt that if she could just touch the hem of His garment, she would be healed. She had set a point of contact to release her faith. She could have said many things. She could have said, the moment He smiles at me. A place of activating faith.

- **Again, we read (Act 19:11-12) Now God worked unusual miracles by the hands of Paul, [12] so that even handkerchiefs or aprons were brought from his body to the sick, and the diseases left them, and the evil spirits went out of them. It is just a thing of faith.** Because you're believing that God will do it when that handkerchief or apron is laid on me, *it gives you that point of contact where you activate faith.*
- **Often though, we believe it is sort of a passive kind of a belief—Yes, I believe God can do it.** But it's quite another thing to believe that God is going to do it now! That really is the value where we are commanded in the church to lay hands on the sick and they shall recover. Again, it gives that point of contact where a person releases their faith, when the elders lay hands on them, praying for them in the name of the Lord, which gives them that triggering of the faith to receive and to believe the promise of God.
- **So that when these waters were stirred, the people had that kind of faith** and the first one in was just, "I'm healed!" At the release of the faith, they were healed. There was always a great number of people waiting for the stirring of the waters and then struggling to be the first in.

Joh 5:5 Now a certain man was there who had an infirmity thirty-eight years.

- **Thirty-eight years.** John included this figure to emphasize the gravity of the debilitating disease that afflicted the individual. Since his sickness had been witnessed by many people for almost four decades, when Jesus cured him, everyone knew the genuineness of the healing!

Joh 5:6 When Jesus saw him lying there, and knew that he already had been in that condition a long time, He said to him, "Do you want to be made well?"

- **Jesus...knew.** The word implies supernatural knowledge of the man's situation. Jesus sovereignly picked the man out from among the many sick people.

Joh 5:7 The sick man answered Him, "Sir, I have no man to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; but while I am coming, another steps down before me."

- **It is interesting, the man didn't answer the question of Jesus at all.** The question was, would you like to be made well, to be healed? All the man did was tell Jesus the reason why he wasn't healed. He just repeated his problem. The answer would be very simple, very plain. You bet I would or yes! That would have been the answer to the question, would you like *to be made well?* But instead he told Jesus why he was still in that condition.
- **Often when the Lord comes and addresses our place of impotence,** saying would you like to be set free? We say, well, Lord, you know, I have this problem and I just have tried and we're just telling Him all of the reasons why we can't be set free. All of the reasons why we are continuing in our place of impotency rather than responding. **Yes, I'd like to be set free!** So the man gives to Jesus the reasons why he isn't and can't be healed. I have a problem. I don't have anybody to help me. Someone always beats me into the pool. Here he's been lying there for so long. Can you imagine? Waiting for the waters to be troubled. The moment they're troubled, there is all of the excitement as he struggles and pushes and somebody else plunges in, in front of him. All he can do is to wait an indefinite period of time for the waters to be troubled again. It's just a sad picture.
- **You could probably give the Lord a good explanation of what's going on with you.** This is what's happening. This is why I'm still in this same lame condition. Why I'm not healed. The question was, **would you like to be made well?**

Joh 5:8 Jesus said to him, "Rise, take up your bed and walk."

- **The next thing that can be noticed is that Jesus said to him, "Rise, take up your bed and walk.** It is at this point; the man could have continued to explain to Jesus what's going on. You don't understand. I really can't rise. I can't. I'm lame. I've been this way for thirty-eight years. I got involved with a gal many years ago and she had a venereal disease, and this is the result of it, this lameness. We remember, (**Mar 2:3**) *Then they came to Him, bringing a paralytic who was carried by four men.* He had the same kind of a situation

here. A malady that is directly related to a sin.

- **Here, this man could have again challenged the command of Jesus, again telling his impotency**, as to why he couldn't do it. Because you have to recognize what Jesus commanded him to do was impossible for him to do. He could have pleaded that impossibility. But wisely, he chose to obey this impossible command of a stranger. He had no idea who Jesus was. Here's just a stranger, comes up and says, would you like to be made well? Well, you know, I got a real problem. I try to get in the water every time, but someone always beats me to it. Jesus commands, *Rise up and walk!* A stranger commanding you to do what is impossible. But somehow, not even knowing who Jesus is, there was such power in that word of faith that the man rose, picked up his mat and started home. How amazing!
- **When you demonstrate your willingness to obey what is to you an impossible command by Jesus, the moment you willingly obey it, you will discover in that moment He will give to you all that is necessary to obey it!** Our problem is that we're prone to rehearse our weaknesses. We're prone to tell why we can't do it. The Lord is saying to many of us, Be victorious! Overcome that evil in your life. But Lord, for thirty-eight years I've had this dumb habit. You're just going on and rather than obeying the command or even willing to obey, you've just been locked in that condition, thinking, No, I can't do it. It's impossible. So, we are pleading the impossibility of the command rather than being willing in our mind, I'll do it.
- **Be strong, the Lord said.** Oh but Lord, I'm so weak! Don't argue with Him, just be strong! Be victorious! Because all that you need to obey is given to you in the moment you are willing to obey the command of Jesus. He never gives you an impossible command but what if you are willing to obey that command, **He will give to you all that is necessary to obey it!**

Joh 5:9 And immediately the man was made well, took up his bed, and walked. And that day was the Sabbath.

- Now John gets into the problem.

Joh 5:10 The Jews therefore said to him who was cured, "It is the Sabbath; it is not lawful for you to carry your bed."

- ***It is the Sabbath! It is not lawful.*** The phrase reveals that the Judaism during Jesus' time had degenerated into pious hypocrisy. Such hypocrisy especially enraged the Lord Jesus, who used this incident to set up a confrontation with Jewish hyper-legalism, identifying the need for national repentance.

Joh 5:11 He answered them, "He who made me well said to me, 'Take up your bed and walk.' "

- **The fellow commanded me. They probably knew the man, who needed to be healed.** No doubt, someone can't be around thirty-eight years in that kind of a crippled condition without your being aware of him. Perhaps you've thrown him a shekel or two at times. The fact that the man is walking, after being in that invalid condition for thirty-eight years, doesn't seem to excite them or stir them. What stirs them is that this is the Sabbath Day and you're carrying a mat. They get all excited over that.
- **This was the beginning of the determination that Jesus has to go. This is the event that begins the process which will cause them to not be satisfied until He's hanging on the cross.** His violation of their Sabbath Day tradition. So the man just said, The one who ordered me to be healed. He's the one that ordered me to take up my bed and walk. Pretty strong commands.

Joh 5:12-14 Then they asked him, "Who is the Man who said to you, 'Take up your bed and walk?'" [13] But the one who was healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had withdrawn, a multitude being in that place. [14] Afterward Jesus found him in the temple, and said to him, "See, you have been made well [and then the command]. Sin no more, lest a worse thing come upon you."

- **We are told in (2Pe 2:20) For if, after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, they are again entangled in them and overcome, the latter end is worse for them than the beginning.** Here's a man who has experienced the power of God. He's been made whole. A malady that probably was the direct result of sin in his life. **Jesus is saying now, You go your way and sin no more, lest a worse thing come upon you.**
- **Inevitable consequences of sin!** The basic thrust of Jesus' comments here indicates that sin has its inevitable consequences. Although Scripture makes clear that not all disease is a consequence of sin, illness at times may be directly tied into one's moral condition. Jesus may specifically have chosen this man in

order to highlight this point.

Joh 5:15 *The man [who was healed] departed and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had made him well.*

- **It was Jesus who had made him well.** We see no ill will toward Jesus here, but likely with good intentions, that Jesus might have the glory of the cure, and that others of his fellow creatures in distress might know where, and from whom to have relief; and that the Sanhedrin might believe that Jesus was the Messiah. Notice that he merely states that Jesus was the one who made him well. He did not include that it was Jesus who commanded him to take up his bed and walk!

Honor the Father and the Son – vs. 16-23:

Joh 5:16 *For this reason the Jews persecuted (repeatedly) Jesus, and sought to kill Him, because He had done these things on the Sabbath.*

- **Because He had done these things on the Sabbath.** Jesus did not break God's law since, in it, there was no prohibition of doing good on that day. However, Jesus disregarded the oral law that the Jews had developed, "the traditions of men." Most likely, Jesus deliberately practiced such healing on the Sabbath to provoke a confrontation with their religious hypocrisy that blinded them to the true worship of God!
- **That was the thing that irked them. It happened on the Sabbath Day.**

Joh 5:17 *But Jesus answered them, "My Father has been working until now, and I have been working."*

- **My Father works on the Sabbath. Aren't you glad?** What if the Lord took every Sabbath day off? We'd be in a bad shape, wouldn't we? (*Psa 121:4*) *Behold, He who keeps Israel Shall neither slumber nor sleep.* That is good! My Father works continually. He works on the Sabbath Day. And so *I have been working!*

Jesus Is Equal with God

Joh 5:18 *Therefore the Jews sought all the more to kill Him, because He not only broke the Sabbath, but also said that God was His Father, making Himself equal with God.*

- **The Jews understood Jesus much better** than the Jehovah Witnesses, the Mormons today or other cultic groups who would make Jesus something less than equal with God. They instantly understood what His claims were declaring Himself equal with God. They caught on in a hurry and it upset them that He would declare *that God was His Father, making Him equal with God!* This isn't the universal fatherhood of God. They are recognizing something much more, that **Jesus is claiming here. He was making Himself equal with God!**

The Authority of the Son

Joh 5:19 *Then Jesus answered and said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, but what He sees the Father do; for whatever He does, the Son also does in like manner.*

- **Most Assuredly! It is an emphasis of the truth!** It's like saying, now listen carefully and get this straight! It's an attention-getter! What I'm going to tell you now is important and it's true and you'd better get it straight!
- **Jesus said, My Father works today, I work. Whatever I see My Father do, I do.** I'm here to do the will of the Father. I'm here to do the work of the Father. Jesus made that affirmation. I've come not to do my own will but the will of Him who sent Me. So His life and His ministry was directed by the Father. Whatever He saw the Father doing, that perhaps could be a great asset. He could see God working in a person's life and thus, He would respond to it. He would affirm the work that God was doing in a person's life. Whatever I see the Father do, that I do. I'm not doing it of Myself, which puts an interesting light on the whole subject.
- **We see how God does desire to work in the lives of those who are in need,** whether it be in a physical need or whether it be a spiritual need. God is working and God desires to work. With this man it was in the area of the physical, healing his impotence for thirty-eight years. But it was also over into the moral. Now "go your way and sin no more."

Joh 5:20 For the Father loves the Son, and shows Him all things that He Himself does; and He will show Him greater works than these, that you may marvel.

- **Whatever He shows Me, that is what I'm doing!** It's not My works, it's His work that I am doing. The things that He shows Me. How well does that apply to us? To me?
- **He will show Him greater works than these, that you may marvel! This is just the beginning!** He's going to show you even greater works, referring to the powerful, resurrecting work of raising the dead! God has that power and so does the Lord Jesus!

Joh 5:21-22 For as the Father raises the dead and gives life to them, even so the Son gives life to whom He will. [22] For the Father judges no one, but has committed all judgment to the Son,

- **Jesus is saying, this is just the beginning!** You're going to see greater works than these because the Father wants to do greater works! The Father doesn't judge men for He *has committed all of the judgment to the Son!* It is powerful authority that the Father has given to the Son. Jesus said, the Father raises the dead and gives life to them, even so the Son gives life to whom He will! He did! For example, the widow's son of Nain; Jairus' daughter; then of course, John will record the raising again of Lazarus who had been dead for four days!

Joh 5:23 that all should honor the Son just as they honor the Father. He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent Him.

- **Again, it is so important to us, that we know that all cult groups have a way of denigrating the deity of Jesus Christ** or challenging the deity of Jesus Christ or the equality of Jesus Christ with the Father! Jesus here, acknowledges that the honoring of the Son is tantamount to the honoring of the Father! And the Father desires *that all men should honor the Son, even as they honor the Father.* Equal honor is to be given to Jesus as is given to the Father!
- **He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent Him.** There are those who claim that we worship God and so forth. Listen, if you don't honor the Son, you don't honor the Father! What plain, clear words of Jesus!
- **He who does not honor the Son.** These verses give the reason that God entrusted all judgment to the Son, so that all men should honor the Son just as they honor the Father. This verse goes far beyond making Jesus a mere ambassador who is acting in the name of a monarch, but gives Him full and complete equality with the Father!
- **Does not honor the Father who sent Him.** Jesus turned the tables on the Jewish accusation against Him of blasphemy. Instead, Jesus affirmed that the only way anyone can honor the Father is through receiving the Son. Therefore, the Jews were the ones who actually blasphemed the Father by rejection of His Son.

Life and Judgment are Through the Son – vs. 24-29!

Joh 5:24 "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life.

- **Most assuredly! Here, we have it again, get it straight!** *I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life!*
- **Believing the word! Hearing the word and believing on Him who has sent Me!** (5x in this chapter; 35x in John; 41x in NT!)
- **But has passed from death into life.** This develops the truth of *(Joh 5:21) For as the Father raises the dead and gives life to them, even so the Son gives life to whom He will.* Jesus gives life to whomever He desires. The people who receive that life are here identified as those who hear the Word and believe in the Father and the Son. They are the people who have eternal life and never will be condemned!

Joh 5:25 Most assuredly, I say to you, the hour is coming, and now is, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God; and those who hear will live.

- **Most assuredly! Get it straight!** Jesus, when He was brought by Jairus to the daughter, He said unto her, Little maiden, arise! She was dead! She heard His voice! She arose!

- **When Jesus came to the tomb of Lazarus, who had been dead for four days**, as He commanded that they rolled back the stone. He then cried, *(Joh 11:43-44) Now when He had said these things, He cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come forth!" [44] And he who had died came out bound hand and foot with graveclothes, and his face was wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Loose him, and let him go."* The grave clothes that were wrapped around him. Let him go free! So those that were dead heard His voice and they were made alive.
- **The hour is coming, and now is.** This phrase reveals an already, but not yet, tension regarding the **resurrection**. Those who are born again are already "spiritually" resurrected, now is, and yet a future physical resurrection still awaits them. *(Joh 5:28) Do not marvel at this; for the hour is coming in which all who are in the graves will hear His voice.*

Joh 5:26 For as the Father has life in Himself, so He has granted the Son to have life in Himself,

- **The Lord Jesus is a life-giver! Not only does He have life, but He gives life.**
- ***He has granted the Son to have life in Himself. The Son from all eternity had the right to grant life.*** The distinction involves Jesus' deity versus His incarnation. In becoming a man, Jesus voluntarily set aside the independent exercise of His divine attributes and prerogatives. Jesus here affirmed that even in His humanity, the Father granted Him "life-giving" power, the power of resurrection!

Joh 5:27 and has given Him authority to execute judgment also, because He is the Son of Man.

- **In chapter 10, Jesus is going to be declaring to them, (Joh 10:18) No one takes it from Me, but I lay it down of Myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This command I have received from My Father.** Here again Jesus is declaring His power over death! The Father has given to Me to have life in Myself. I can lay My life down! I can take My life up again! *(Joh 5:25-26) Most assuredly, I say to you, the hour is coming, and now is, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God; and those who hear will live. [26] For as the Father has life in Himself, so He has granted the Son to have life in Himself.*
- **The Son of Man is a Messianic title.** You'll find it in Daniel and Ezekiel in the OT (95x); and the four gospels, Acts, Hebrews, and Revelation in the NT (88x); a title for the Messiah. So, God *has given Him authority to execute judgment also, because He is the Son of Man.* He has given Him authority to work!

Joh 5:28-29 Do not marvel this (hasn't happened yet, but will); for the hour is coming in which all who are in the graves will hear His voice [29] and come forth—those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of condemnation.

- **Old Testament graves - Sheol, Hades.** In *(Luk 16:19-31)* there is a great summary of *Sheol*, in Hebrew; *Hades* in Greek, where the Old Testament saints went upon their death.
- **We have the account of the rich man who fared sumptuously every day, and the poor man named Lazarus**, who survived on the scraps from the rich man's table. Both the rich man and the poor man died. The poor man was taken by the angels into Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died and was in hell. He lifted up his eyes being in torment, saw Abraham afar off, with Lazarus being comforted in Abraham's bosom. He called and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me. Send Lazarus to me, that he might take his finger and dip it in water and touch my tongue. I'm tormented in this heat. Abraham responded that there's a gulf that is fixed between us. Those here can't come over there; neither can those there come over here. You in your lifetime had the good things, Lazarus the evil. Now you're tormented while he is comforted. He said, If Lazarus can't come over here, would you please send him back to earth so that he might warn my brothers not to come to this horrible place? Abraham said if they don't believe Moses and the prophets, neither will they believe if one should come back from the dead.
- **In this account, Jesus was teaching that prior to His death, Hades, hell in Greek, Sheol in the Hebrew, was made up of two compartments** with a gulf between them. There was the consciousness of the other side, at least, from the underside to the heavenly side or the comforting side. The rich man was aware of Lazarus, having the ability to communicate, but you couldn't cross the gulf. The man had an awareness of what was going on back on the earth. He was conscious, sensing some kind of a spirit, though his body was in the grave. There was some kind of a spirit body that he possessed. He talked about touching my tongue with water. He talked about being tormented in the heat. He still had the consciousness of life and the things that were going on with his brothers, with which he was concerned.

- **There was the one side of torment, the other side being a place of comfort.** Abraham believed God and it was accounted to him for righteousness. He became the father of all of those who will believe. So, it is only appropriate that Abraham be in charge of that one side as people would die and go into the graves, either into one part or the other of Sheol. Those that went into the compartment where Abraham was, were waiting for the fulfillment of the promise of God. God had said to Abraham, (*Gen 22:18*) *In your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed, because you have obeyed My voice.* God was talking about the fact that the Messiah would be born of the seed of Abraham.
- **Abraham believed God. Thus, he was comforting those that were there, assuring them of the faithfulness of God in keeping His promises.** Isaiah in (*Isa 61:1*) *"The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon Me, Because the LORD has anointed Me To preach good tidings to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives, And the opening of the prison to those who are bound.* Here they were held captive in Sheol.
- **When Jesus died, His soul descended into Hades.** There He preached to those who were there captives, no doubt to those that were being comforted by Abraham. According to the book of Hebrews, the Old Testament sacrifices of animals could not put away sin. All they could do was cover sin and point to the cross where the Lamb of God would put away the sins of the world. (*Joh 1:29*) *The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! The animal sacrifices could not take away the sin. They, if offered in faith, could only cover. But they couldn't take away your sin. It took the blood of Jesus Christ to bring the cleansing and the taking away of our sins!*
- **Those from Abraham's time to the time of Christ, according to, (*Heb 11:13*) *These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off were assured of them, embraced them, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth.* They claimed it and held to it! These all died in faith not having received the promise. God having reserved some better thing for us, that they apart from us, could not come into the perfected state.**
- **Peter tells us in Acts as he is preaching to the multitude** who have gathered because of the phenomenon on the day of Pentecost. (*Act 2:23-24*) *Him, being delivered by the determined purpose and foreknowledge of God, you have taken by lawless hands, have crucified, and put to death; [24] whom God raised up, having loosed the pains of death, because it was not possible that He should be held by it.*
- **For David by the Holy Spirit, writing concerning Him said, (*Psa 16:10*) *For You will not leave my soul in Sheol, Nor will You allow Your Holy One to see corruption.***
- **Paul tells us in (*Eph 4:8-9*) *Therefore He says: "WHEN HE ASCENDED ON HIGH, HE LED CAPTIVITY CAPTIVE, AND GAVE GIFTS TO MEN.* [9] *(Now this, "HE ASCENDED"—what does it mean but that He also first descended into the lower parts of the earth? He opened the prison doors to those who were bound. He set at liberty those that had been held captive by death.***
- **Matthew tells us that after His resurrection, (*Mat 27:52-53*) *and the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised; [53] and coming out of the graves after His resurrection, they went into the holy city and appeared to many.* The graves of many of the saints were opened and they were seen walking in the streets of Jerusalem.**
- **Peter tells us (*1Pe 3:19*) *by whom also He went and preached to the spirits in prison.* There is some totally false heresy among some of these faith teachers that were teaching that Jesus went to hell and suffered and all and there's where the atonement was really made. No, not so! The cross was totally sufficient! (*Joh 19:30*) *So when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, "It is finished!" And bowing His head, He gave up His spirit.* He was talking about the finished work of redemption. He did not suffer in hell, but He preached in hell. It was a glorious revival, I'm sure! Here I am, I did it! I paid the price! Your sins have been atoned! I'm going to lead you out of this place! **WHEN HE ASCENDED ON HIGH, HE LED CAPTIVITY CAPTIVE, AND GAVE GIFTS TO MEN!****
- **So here Jesus is declaring, (*Joh 5:28*) *Do not marvel at this; for the hour is coming in which all who are in the graves will hear His voice.* If the rich man could talk to Abraham, surely when Jesus preached to those that were there being comforted, those that were with Him could hear the glorious triumph of Jesus as He declared to them His victory over death, over sin. (*Joh 5:29*) *and come forth—those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of condemnation.***
- **There is an interim of time between the two resurrections** as is clearly indicated in the book of Revelation. The **first resurrection**, and then the **second resurrection** which will be a thousand years later, at the end of the Millennial Reign.

- **The First Resurrection!** The **first resurrection** began with Jesus. He is the firstfruits of those who rise from the dead. *(1Co 15:20, 23) But now Christ is risen from the dead, and has become the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. [23] But each one in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, afterward those who are Christ's at His coming. The first resurrection is continuing and shall continue until the full number is complete and then the Lord will return in glory and establish His kingdom and a thousand years later, there will be the second resurrection of the unjust dead.*
- **The Second Resurrection!** Daniel chapter twelve prophecies concerning the **two resurrections** or the two destinies of those who rise from the dead. He tells us, *(Dan 12:2-3) And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, Some to everlasting life, Some to shame and everlasting contempt. [3] Those who are wise shall shine Like the brightness of the firmament, And those who turn many to righteousness Like the stars forever and ever.* Those who rise in the **second resurrection** will rise to stand before the great white throne judgment of God. Even as the full complement of those that are saved will rise in that **first resurrection**. At the **second resurrection**, the full complement of those that have rejected and are to be damned will rise to stand before the great white throne judgment of God. The books will be opened. They'll be judged out of the things that are written in the books. Whosoever's **name is not found written in the book of life will be cast into Gehenna**. Not Hades, but Gehenna! This is **the second death**.
- **When the Jews were asking Jesus for a sign, He said, (Mat 12:39-40) But He answered and said to them, "An evil and adulterous generation seeks after a sign, and no sign will be given to it except the sign of the prophet Jonah. [40] For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the great fish, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.** He descended into *Hades, Sheol*, but when He ascended, when He rose, He led the captives from their captivity. The first and the beginning, the first fruits of the **resurrection**.
- **New Testament graves, but now! 2Co 5:8) We are confident, yes, well pleased rather to be absent from the body and to be present with the Lord.** Paul the apostle said, We who are in these bodies do often groan earnestly desiring to be freed from the limitations of the body: not that I would be unclothed, or an unembodied spirit. But I desire to be clothed upon with the body which is from heaven. For we know that as long as we are in these bodies, we are absent from the Lord. But we would choose rather to be absent from this body that we might be present with the Lord! So he's not wishing for some unembodied state but desiring to just *be present with the Lord*.
- **Paul declared that he had mixed emotions.** I have two options here and I don't know. I'm pulled in both directions. For he said, *(Php 1:23-24) Nevertheless to remain in the flesh is more needful for you. [25] And being confident of this, I know that I shall remain and continue with you all for your progress and joy of faith.* Paul was talking about his desire to depart and be with Christ, but yet he felt like he was still needed. So the Lord kept him around for a while because He was not quite finished with him yet. But his desire was to depart and to be with Christ.
- **So the first resurrection is an ongoing process.** It will be concluded when the last martyr is put to death for his witness for Jesus Christ in the Great Tribulation Period. And that will end the **first resurrection**. That will culminate. But the **second resurrection** takes place a thousand years after the Lord is returned to establish the kingdom of God upon the earth. "They shall come forth—those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of condemnation, separation from God, the second death. The final sentence of Gehenna.

SUMMARY:

A Man Healed at the Pool of Bethesda - Chap, 5: vs. 1-15!

- **There is tremendous power in faith. God has given to every man a measure of faith.** What we believe is very important, as is the triggering or activating our faith.
- **When you demonstrate your willingness to obey what is to you an impossible command by Jesus, the moment you willingly obey it, you will discover in that moment He will give to you all that is necessary to obey it!**
- **We are prone to give reasons why we can't do it. The Lord says, Be victorious!** When Jesus gives us the command, *"Take up your bed and walk,"* we are to obey and not respond with our reasons that we can't!
- **Jesus is saying now, You go your way and sin no more, lest a worse thing come upon you. Inevitable consequences of sin!** Not all disease is a consequence of sin, but illness at times may be directly tied to it.

Honor the Father and the Son – vs. 16-23;

- *Joh 5:19 Then Jesus answered and said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, but what He sees the Father do; for whatever He does, the Son also does in like manner.*
- **Jesus Is Equal with God!** Therefore the Jews sought all the more to kill Him, because He not only broke the Sabbath, but also said *that God was His Father, making Himself equal with God.*
- **Jesus did not come to do His own will but the will of Him who sent Me.** His life and His ministry was directed by the Father. Whatever I see the Father do, that I do. I'm not doing it of Myself, which puts an interesting light on the whole subject.
- **Resurrection Life through the Father and the Son.** *For the Father loves the Son, and shows Him all things that He Himself does; and He will show Him greater works than these, that you may marvel. For as the Father raises the dead and gives life to them, even so the Son gives life to whom He will!*
- **Jesus will judge all things.** *For the Father judges no one, but has committed all judgment to the Son.* It is powerful authority that the Father has given to the Son.
- **He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent Him.** If you don't honor the Son, you don't honor the Father! What plain, clear words of Jesus!

Life and Judgment are Through the Son – vs. 24-29!

- *Joh 5:24 "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life.*
- *Joh 5:25 Most assuredly, I say to you, the hour is coming, and now is, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God; and those who hear will live.*
- **The hour is coming, and now is.** This phrase reveals an already, but not yet, tension regarding the **resurrection**. Those who are born again are already "spiritually" resurrected, now is, and yet a future physical **resurrection** still awaits them, *the hour is coming.*
- *Joh 5:26 For as the Father has life in Himself, so He has granted the Son to have life in Himself,*
- **The Lord Jesus is a life-giver!** Not only does He have life, but He gives life. *He has granted the Son to have life in Himself.* The Son from all eternity had the right to grant life!
- *Joh 5:27-29 and has given Him authority to execute judgment also, because He is the Son of Man. [28] Do not marvel at this; for the hour is coming in which all who are in the graves will hear His voice [29] and come forth—those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of condemnation.* There is a thousand-year time interval between the two **resurrections**.
- **The First Resurrection!** The **first resurrection**, an on-going process, began with Jesus, being the firstfruits of those who rise from the dead. The **first resurrection** is continuing and shall continue until the full number is complete and then the Lord will return in glory and establish His kingdom and a thousand years later, there will be the **second resurrection**.
- **The Second Resurrection!** Takes place a thousand years after the Lord is returned to establish the kingdom of God upon the earth. "They shall come forth—those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of condemnation, the final sentence of Gehenna.
- **Which resurrection will you be in? The resurrection of life or the resurrection of death? Are you sure?**

Hallelujah, What a Savior is Jesus Christ, our King! He is the King of Kings!

For the love of Jesus Christ, Who has resurrected me!

CLOSING SONG:

KING OF KINGS Song by Hillsong Worship (4:25/4:28)

In the darkness we were waiting Without hope, without light. 'Til from Heaven You came running There was mercy in Your eyes. To fulfill the law and prophets. To a virgin came the word. From a throne of endless glory To a cradle in the dirt.

(Refrain) Praise the Father, praise the Son. Praise the Spirit, three in one. God of glory, Majesty, Praise forever to the King of Kings

To reveal the kingdom coming And to reconcile the lost To redeem the whole creation You did not despise the cross. For even in your suffering, You saw to the other side Knowing this was our salvation Jesus for our sake you died (Refrain)

And the morning that You rose All of Heaven held its breath. 'Til that stone was moved for good. For the Lamb had conquered death. And the dead rose from their tombs And the angels stood in awe. For the souls of all who'd come To the Father are restored. And the church of Christ was born, Then the Spirit lit the flame

*Now this gospel truth of old Shall not kneel, shall not faint. By His blood and in His name, In His freedom I am free! **For the love of Jesus Christ Who has resurrected me!** (Refrain)*

Praise forever to the King of Kings

CLOSING PRAYER:

Read and study John Chapters 5 & 6

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