

## BIBLE STUDY on JOHN (NIV) Part 9

### JESUS HEALS THE LAME MAN



#### John 5 v 1 - 9, 14 - 18

1 Some time later, Jesus went up to Jerusalem for a feast of the Jews. 2 Now there is in Jerusalem near the Sheep Gate a pool, which in Aramaic is called Bethesda and which is surrounded by five covered colonnades. 3 Here a great number of disabled people used to lie - the blind, the lame, the paralysed - and

they waited for the moving of the waters. 4 From time to time an angel of the Lord would come down and stir up the waters. The first one into the pool after each such disturbance would be cured of whatever disease he had. 5 One who was there had been an invalid for thirty-eight years. 6 When Jesus saw him lying there and learned that he had been in this condition for a long time, He asked him, "Do you want to get well?"

7 "Sir," the invalid replied, "I have no one to help me into the pool when the water is stirred. While I am trying to get in someone else goes down ahead of me."

8 Then Jesus said to him, "Get up! Pick up your mat and walk." 9 At once the man was cured; he picked up his mat and walked. The day on which this took place was a Sabbath.

14 Later Jesus found him at the temple and said to him, "See, you are well again. Stop sinning or something worse may happen to you." 15 The man went away and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had made him well.

#### *Life Through the Son*

16 So, because Jesus was doing these things on the Sabbath, the Jews persecuted Him. 17 Jesus said to them, "My Father is always at His work to this very day, and I, too, am working." 18 For this reason the Jews tried all the harder to kill Him; not only was He breaking the Sabbath, but He was even calling God His own Father, making Himself equal with God.

### Something to Do

Fill in the blanks to complete the sentences.

1. One who was there had been an invalid for \_\_\_\_\_ years. (verse 5)
2. Jesus asked him a very important question: "Do you want to get \_\_\_\_\_?" (6)
3. Jesus told him to do what seemed impossible. He said, "\_\_\_\_\_! Pick up your mat and \_\_\_\_\_." (8)
4. Later Jesus found him at the temple and said to him, "See, you are well again. \_\_\_\_\_ or something worse may happen to you." (14)
5. For this reason the Jews tried all the harder to kill Him for two main reasons: a) not only was He \_\_\_\_\_ (18) [by healing a man on the day when Jews were not supposed to do any work] (b) but He was even calling God His own Father, making Himself \_\_\_\_\_. (18)

### Do You Need to Be Made Whole (Well)?

Perhaps you have a need to be made well and strong in *your* body, mind or emotions. Perhaps you have a bad habit that hinders (prevents, stops) you from serving God as you would like. Perhaps resentment and bitterness are eating you up inside.

Jesus sees your need and He says to you, "**Do you want to be**

**made whole?" (OR Do you want to get well?)"** You may have excuses why you are not whole. Perhaps you are the only Christian in your home or in your school. Or you may think other circumstances in life are all against you. But that is no problem to Jesus. He can make you whole *immediately!* But He may ask you to do something that

seems impossible, just like He asked the man who could not walk to get up and walk and even carry his mat! Whatever it is, as you *start* to obey God's Word, Jesus will give you the power you need and will make you whole! And then He can lead you to a life of victory.