

“New Creation Ability”

John 5:1-19

The Miracle: A Paralyzed Man Is Empowered to Walk – Jo 5:1-9

- He has been lying in the “shadows” of religion for 38 years – Jo 5:5
 - ...Jesus makes the first move - “grace” – Jo 5:6
 - ...Jesus meets a man where he is to set him free from what he was – Rev 21:5; II Cor 5:17
- Divine ability is unleashed in the man’s obedience of faith – Jo 5:8-9
 - ...The divinely transformed man is accosted by man-made religion – Jo 5:9-13
 - ...Self-made religion wants others to be religious – Jesus wants them whole, well, transformed – Jo 10:10

The Message: Christ Enables What Religion Cannot Empower – Jo 5:8,14

- “Paralysis”: Any deep and lingering disability – Jo 5:8,14
(fearful insecurity, self hatred/rejection, unresolved guilt, chronic anxiety, unshakeable grief, destructive habit, critical mentality, restfulness/bitterness...)
 - “Do you wish to get well?” – Jo 5:6
 - ...Some don’t... some are not ready... most, “Yes, but _____.” – Jo 5:7
 - ...What am I waiting on? _____
(That answer indicates the object of my faith!)
 - There is only one Deliverer – Jo 5:8; I Thess 5:24; Heb 13:20-21
 - ...“I trust, believe You! I am willing for YOU to be The Willer!” – Jo 11:40; I Pet 2:6
 - ...We transfer our faith FROM... ourselves, our fellow man, our religious traditions, our cultural myths...
TO... the Living Lord Jesus Who “is making all things new” - Rev 21:5
 - ...He delivers us from “paralysis” and from “sinning” – Jo 5:8,14; Col 1:27
 - Being moved from “inability” to “ability”:
 - ...acknowledge/confess our need... forfeit our rationalizations... rise up and walk by His “say so” – Jo 5:6-9
(What are we waiting on?)