

Healer of Hearts

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John 5:1-9

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 paralyzed. 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.

I. JESUS SEEKS OUT THE BROKEN

John 5:3-6

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Psalms 34:18

18 The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.

John 11:33-36

33 When Jesus saw [Mary] weeping, and the Jews who had come along with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in spirit and troubled. 34 "Where have you laid him?" he asked. "Come and see, Lord," they replied. 35 Jesus wept. 36 Then the Jews said, "See how he loved him!"

2. JESUS OFFERS HEALING

John 5:6

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?"

Matthew 11:28

[Jesus said] "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest."

Isaiah 61:1-3

1 The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me ... He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted ... 2 ... to comfort all who mourn, 3 and provide for those who grieve in Zion — to bestow on them ... the oil of gladness instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair.

3. THE BROKEN ARE RESTORED AND GOD IS GLORIFIED

John 5:8-9

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.

CONCLUSION

Jesus asks a strange question of the man, which also implies a second question.

- Do you want to get WELL?

-or-

- Do you want to WALLOW?