



What's So Sick About the Sabbath?

John 5:1-16
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I. The Reality of the Effect of Sin (vv. 1-4)

- A. Other _____ which had taken place (Lk. 4:16-31; Matt. 4:23-24; Mk. 1:21-28; Matt 8:14-17; Lk. 5:12-16; Mk. 2:1-12)
- B. Other _____ in Jerusalem (2:13; 6:4; 7:2; 10:22; 11:55)
- C. Other _____ about the setting (Neh. 3:1, 32; 12:39)
- D. Other _____ in addition to the man in the story
- E. Other _____ insert more on vv. 3-4

II. The Reminder that the Healer is a Person (vv. 5-9)

- A. The _____ of Jesus (Rom. 9:10-13; Jn. 15:16)
- B. The _____ of Jesus
- C. The _____ of Jesus (Mark 2:9-11)
- D. The _____ of Jesus (Isa. 35:5-7)

III. The Reaction to the Miracle that Took Place (vv. 10-13)

- A. The _____ of man's law (John 9:13-17; Mk. 2:23-28; Mk. 3:1-5; Lk. 13:10-17; Lk. 14:1-6)
- B. The _____ of God's law (Jn. 8:32; Gal. 5:1; Jms. 1:25)
- C. The _____ of healing is not necessarily a lack of faith (Matt. 8:14-15, 16; 9:32-33; 12:10-13, 22; Mk. 7:32-35; 8:22-25; Lk. 14:1-4; 22:50-51; Jn. 4:46-54; 9:1-7)

IV. The Reason the Jews were Persecuting Jesus (vv. 14-16)

- A. The _____ of continued sin (Deut. 28:58-61; Psa. 38:1-3; 1 Cor. 11:28-30; Acts 5:1-11; Jn. 9:1-3; Lk. 13:1-5)
- B. The _____ of the Sabbath

TAKE HOME

- Do you want to be _____?
- Get up, take up your bed, and _____.
- See, you are well! _____ no more, that nothing worse may happen to you.

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

James 1:22 says, *“But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.”* These questions are designed to help you apply today’s message to your life. We encourage you to thoughtfully answer these questions and discuss your answers with others. For more information about joining a Small Group that uses these questions as the basis for discussion, prayer, and accountability, please call the church office at (661) 259-2913.

1. Read Exodus 20:8-11; Mark 2:27-28; and Matthew 11:28-30. What was the point of the Sabbath in the Old Testament? How is the Sabbath to be understood in the New Testament? Why is this important to understand as a Christian?

2. Read John 5:1-4. What is the most interesting part to you of this setting of the story? What should the sheep gate remind us of?

3. Read John 5:5-6. Why do you think Jesus selected this one man and decided to talk to him? How does this parallel the doctrine of election? (Rom. 9:10-13; Jn. 15:16)

4. Read John 5:7-9. Why do you think Jesus asked him this question? Have you ever dealt with a person who did not want to be “healed” from their predicament? How did you help them?

5. Read Isaiah 35:5-7. How does Christ give us a foretaste of this Scripture by this occurrence in John 5? How is Mark 2:9-11 similar to our main text?

6. Read John 5:10-13. What do you think about how the Jews responded to the man’s healing? Why were they so attached to their own man-made law? How does Jn. 8:32; Gal 5:1; and Jms. 1:25 protect us from the same temptation?

7. Read John 5:14-16. Do you think the man was sick because of sin? Why or why not? Use Scripture to support your answer.

8. Read the “take home” statements of Jesus from this chapter. How do these statements strike you as you think about personal application for your own life this week?

“When we read of cases of sickness like this, we should remember how deeply we ought to hate sin! Sin was the original root, and cause, and fountain of every disease in the world. God did not create man to be full of aches, and pains, and infirmities.

These things are the fruits of the Fall.

There would have been no sickness, if there had been no sin.”

- J.C. Ryle, *Expository Thoughts on John*