

March 31, 2019am – Walking With Jesus (Gospel of John)

Pt. 13 – John 5:1-47

YouTube Video 34:14 - 42:46 The Gospel of John <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=47OkuvT5JFo&t=218s>

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Do not sin anymore, so that something worse doesn’t happen to you.**” ¹⁵The man went and reported to the Jews that it was Jesus who had made him well. ¹⁶Therefore, the Jews began persecuting Jesus because He was doing these things on the Sabbath. ¹⁷But Jesus responded to them, “**My Father is still working, and I am working also.**” ¹⁸This is why the Jews began trying all the more to kill Him: Not only was He breaking the Sabbath, but He was even calling God His own Father, making Himself equal with God. ¹⁹Then Jesus replied, “**I assure you: The Son is not able to do anything on His own, but only what He sees the Father doing. 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The Picture of a Sinner:

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- He Was Disabled
- He Was Desperate
- He Was Disappointed

“Sir Isaac Newton’s “First Law of Motion” states “Everything continues in a state of rest unless it is compelled to change by forces impressed upon it!” At different times, I think we all recognize within ourselves the need for change. Yet we also recognized that the change we need is often hard to achieve.”

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First, We Must Decide If We Want to be Changed? (v. 6)

Secondly, we must decide to stop making excuses for our condition. (v.7)

Third, we must decide to take action when the opportunity presents itself. (ibid)

The Power of the Savior

⁸**“Get up,”** Jesus told him, **“pick up your mat and walk!”** ⁹Instantly the man got well, picked up his mat, and started to walk.

Along came Jesus who was The True Source of...Power and Hope

This passage teaches that there is both a divine sovereignty and a human responsibility in this process.

“Jesus is seen here healing one who is totally unworthy and in doing so reveals God’s love & graciousness”.

(Whitacre, p. 123)

- A Desire for God
- An Obedience to God

The Prohibition of the Sin

John 5: 10-14...

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The Proclamation of the Son

John 5:16-29...

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Lord of the Sabbath

“Jesus did not defend Himself by clarifying the purpose of the Sabbath. His defense was that God was working on the Sabbath thus He had a legitimate reason to be working. He is not saying that because God works on the Sabbath that anyone can work as well. No, He is saying that the right of God to work is His as well. The Jews understood this clearly that Jesus was claiming equality with God. This brought about a great conflict and hatred toward Jesus by the Jews because they felt He was blaspheming God by saying He was equal with God”.

(Wredburg & Carter. *Christ Centered Exposition: John*. p. 119)

Even though there was some reason to be concerned. Read what the Law from God was:

Exodus 31:12-17... ¹² Then the LORD said to Moses, ¹³ “Say to the Israelites, ‘You must observe my Sabbaths. This will be a sign between me and you for the generations to come, so you may know that I am the LORD, who makes you holy.’” ¹⁴ “Observe the Sabbath, because it is holy to you. Anyone who desecrates it is to be put to death; those who do any work on that day must be cut off from their people. ¹⁵ For six days work is to be done, but the seventh day is a day of sabbath rest, holy to the LORD. Whoever does any work on the Sabbath day is to be put to death. ¹⁶ The Israelites are to observe the Sabbath, celebrating it for the generations to come as a lasting covenant. ¹⁷ It will be a sign between me and the Israelites forever, for in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, and on the seventh day he rested and was refreshed.”

The Jewish religious leaders were (1) More concerned about their rules than they are about God’s rules, (2) They were more concerned about their rules than about people. (Ibid. p. 118)

“We begin to see in this passage the mounting climate of rejection toward the claims of Jesus”. (Stedman. *God’s Loving Words*. p. 134).

“The healing of the crippled man reveals God’s Glory in Jesus at its brightest and triggers the conflict with the Jews that dominates the rest of the story.” (Whitacre. *Gospel of John*. P. 118)

This miracle was one of 3 that truly set the Jews into anger:

- 1) Healing of this crippled man here in John 5
- 2) Healing of man born blind in John 9
- 3) Raising of Lazarus from the dead in John 11.

“This mood of hostility toward Jesus will grow until it culminates in His death upon the cross”. (Stedman. p. 134)

- **Jesus Does What Only God Can Do** (*give life*)
- **Jesus Receives Honor Only God Deserves**
- **Jesus Has Power Only God Can Claim** (Ibid. p. 121)

“If I were to walk into your house and take a painting off your wall and give it away, what would you think? But if I were to walk into my house and take a painting down and give it away, would you not be concerned about this? (Ibid. p. 124)

John 5:30-37

³⁰ “I can do nothing on My own. I judge only as I hear, and My judgment is righteous, because I do not seek My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me. ³¹ “If I testify about Myself, My testimony is not valid. ³² There is Another who testifies about Me, and I know that the testimony He gives about Me is valid. ³³ You have sent messengers to John, and he has testified to the truth. ³⁴ I don’t receive man’s testimony, but I say these things so that you may be saved. ³⁵ John was a burning and shining lamp, and for a time you were willing to enjoy his light. ³⁶ “But I have a greater testimony than John’s because of the works that the Father has given Me to accomplish. These very works I am doing testify about Me that the Father has sent Me. ³⁷ The Father who sent Me has Himself testified about Me. You have not heard His voice at any time, and you haven’t seen His form.

Four Witnesses To Jesus’ Deity

1. **John the Baptist** (5:33-35) (*John was a Lamp, but Jesus is the Light*)
(John made 4 specific claims about Jesus: (1) Jesus is the predicted Messiah; (2) Jesus is the Lamb of God, (3) Jesus would baptize with the Holy Spirit (4) Jesus is the Son of God.
2. **The Works of Jesus** (5:36)
3. **The Words of Scripture** (5:39)
4. **God the Father** (5:37-38) (Ibid. p. 127)

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Consequences of Denying Jesus as God

- **You Won't Understand the Scriptures** (5:38-40) (the primary purpose of Scripture is not to simply record the history of God's dealing with man. The purpose is to point men and women to faith in God through Jesus Christ
- **You Cannot Love God** (5:42-43)
- **You Cannot Honor God** (5:44)
- **You Cannot Avoid the Judgment** (Ibid. p.134)

But if you will embrace the truth about Jesus these four consequences are flipped around to joyful ones:

- **Because Of Jesus, You Will Avoid Judgment**
- **Because Of Jesus, You Will Honor God**
- **Because Of Jesus, You Will Love God**
- **Because Of Jesus You Will Understand the Scriptures**

Key Concluding Verses:

⁶ Jesus said to him, "Do you want to get well?" ...⁸ "Stand up, pick up your mat and walk!"

"So are you ready to be changed? You can be if you truly want to be.

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That action is to Hear, Believe and Receive

²⁴ "I assure you: Anyone who hears My word and believes Him who sent Me has eternal life and will not come under judgment but has passed from death to life.

To accept the offer of Jesus is to find true LIFE.