Jesus’ Third Miracle

John 5:1-24

Introduction:

I. The Impotent Man Challenged – 5:1-15

A. The Multitude – 5:1-4

“After ﻿﻿this there was a feast of the Jews, and Jesus ﻿﻿went up to Jerusalem. Now there is in Jerusalem ﻿﻿by the Sheep *Gate* a pool, which is called in Hebrew, ﻿﻿Bethesda, having five porches. In these lay a great multitude of sick people, blind, lame, ﻿﻿paralyzed, [waiting for the moving of the water. For an angel went down at a certain time into the pool and stirred up the water; then whoever stepped in first, after the stirring of the water, was made well of whatever disease he had].”

B. The Man – 5:5

“Now a certain man was there who had an infirmity thirty-eight years.”

C. The Master – 5:6-15

1. The Situation – 5:6-9a

a. Jesus Assessed the Situation and Offered help – 5:6

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“When Jesus saw him lying there, and knew that he already had been *in that condition* a long time, He said to him, “Do you want to be made well?”

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b. The Man Expected to get to the Pool – 5:7

“The sick man answered Him, “Sir, I have no man to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; but while I am coming, another steps down before me.”

c. Jesus gave a command – 5:8

“Jesus said to him, ﻿﻿“Rise, take up your bed and walk.”

d. The man responded – 5:9a

“And immediately the man was made well,”

2. The Sabbath – 5:9b-15

a. Act on what you do know – 5:9b-11

1. He conformed to Jesus’ words -

“took up his bed, and walked.”

2) He was confronted by the Jews.

“The Jews therefore said to him who was cured, “It is the Sabbath; ﻿﻿it is not lawful for you to carry your bed.”

3) He continued with Jesus’ words

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“He answered them, “He who made me well said to me, ‘Take up your bed and walk.”

b. Admit what you don’t know – 5:12-13

1. Who told you to disobey the Law?

“Then they asked him, “Who is the Man who said to you, ‘Take up your bed and walk’?”

1. I don’t know His name.

“But the one who was ﻿﻿healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had withdrawn, a multitude being in *that* place.”

 c. Answer when you do know – 5:14-15

1. Jesus told him – 5:14

“Afterward Jesus found him in the temple, and said to him, “See, you have been made well. ﻿﻿Sin no more, lest a worse thing come upon you.”

2) He told them – 5:15

“The man departed and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had made him well.

II. The Impenitent Men Challenged – 5:16-47

A. Indictment Raised – 5:16

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“For this reason the Jews ﻿﻿persecuted Jesus, ﻿﻿and sought to kill Him, because He had done these things on the Sabbath.”

B. Indictment Refuted – 5:17-32

1. The Witness of His Father – 5:17-18

“But Jesus answered them, ﻿﻿“My Father has been working until now, and I have been working.”

On the 7th day God rested for His work of creation (Genesis 2:2-3). But, some of His work continued,

* Sustaining the universe
* Begetting life
* Bringing judgments

Note: Jesus did not say, “your father” or “our Father” He said “My Father” THE Jews will pick up on this later. The Jews responded to what Jesus said in 5:18,

“Therefore the Jews ﻿﻿sought all the more to kill Him, because He not only broke the Sabbath, but also said that God was His Father, ﻿﻿making Himself equal with God.”

2. The Father and the Son – 5:19-24

a. The Lord’s Jurisdiction – 5:19-21

1). His Loyalty – 5:19﻿

“Then Jesus answered and said to them, “Most assuredly, I say to you, ﻿﻿the Son can do nothing of Himself, but what He sees the Father do; for whatever He does, the Son also does in like manner.”

2). His love

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“For ﻿﻿the Father loves the Son, and ﻿﻿shows Him all things that He Himself does; and He will show Him greater works than these, that you may marvel.

3). His life – 5:21

“For as the Father raises the dead and gives life to *them,* ﻿﻿even so the Son gives life to whom He will.”

b. The Lord’s judgment – 5:22-24

1. Absolute Monopoly – 5:22-23

“For the Father judges no one, but ﻿﻿has committed all judgment to the Son, that all should honor the Son just as they honor the Father. ﻿﻿He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent Him.”

2) Abundant Mercy – 5:24

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“Most assuredly, I say to you, ﻿﻿he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, ﻿﻿but has passed from death into life.”

Conclusion:

