

## THE HEALING OF AN INVALID AT THE POOL OF BETHESDA, PART TWO

### Introduction

John 5 records an amazing miracle that Jesus performed on an invalid near the Pool of Bethesda when He told him to “get up, pick up your pallet and walk” (verse 8). However, instead of believing in Him, some of the Jews began to persecute Jesus afterwards because “He was doing these things on the Sabbath” (verse 16) and not following their legalistic rules. In response to this, Jesus proceeds to preach the Gospel to them which is what we are going to talk about this morning by looking at “4 Points in Jesus’ Sermon to the Jews Who were Trying to Kill Him.”

### 1. Jesus Works on the Sabbath because His Father Works on the Sabbath (verses 19-20).

Verses 19-20 says, “Therefore Jesus answered and was saying to them, ‘Truly, truly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, unless it is something He sees the Father doing; for whatever the Father does, these things the Son also does in like manner. For the Father loves the Son, and shows Him all things that He Himself is doing.’”

Discussion Question A: What does it mean to say that God is a trinity?

Discussion Question B: How do these verses relate to the concept of the trinity and the issue of Jesus working on the Sabbath?

### 2. Jesus Works on the Sabbath because He has the Attributes of God (verses 21-30).

Verses 21-23 says, “For just as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, even so the Son also gives life to whom He wishes. For not even the Father judges anyone, but He has given all judgment to the Son, so that all will honor the Son even as they honor the Father. He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent Him.”

Discussion Question A: Why did Jesus say “For just as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, even so the Son also gives life?”

Discussion Question B: Which attribute of God does this display and what other attributes of God are mentioned in this passage as pertaining to Christ?

### **3. Jesus Works on the Sabbath because He has Testimony that Affirms His Right to do so (verses 31-38).**

Verses 33, 36-37 says, “You have sent to John, and he has testified to the truth ... But the testimony which I have is greater than the testimony of John; for the works which the Father has given Me to accomplish—the very works that I do—testify about Me, that the Father has sent Me. And the Father who sent Me, He has testified of Me.”

Discussion Question A: List the various testimonies that Jesus provides here and give the Jews’ response to each of them.

Discussion Question B: What can we learn from their response? Are people today ever tempted to react to Jesus in a similar way? How so?

### **4. Jesus Works on the Sabbath because the Scripture Gives Him the Right to do so (verses 39-47).**

Verses 39-42 says, “You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; it is these that testify about Me; and you are unwilling to come to Me so that you may have life. I do not receive glory from men; but I know you, that you do not have the love of God in yourselves.”

Discussion Question A: What are some Old Testament Scriptures that testify to Jesus being the Son of God?

Discussion Question B: Why did so many of the Jews ignore them and can you think of a modern-day example of how people are ignoring those prophecies today?