



THE CONTROVERSY BEGINS
RESPONDING TO THE POWER OF JESUS
JOHN 5:1-16

Pastor Ben Blakey - Compass Bible Church - May 24, 2020

1. Trust _____ (vv. 1-9a)

1 After this there was a feast of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. 2 Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate a pool, in Aramaic called Bethesda, which has five roofed colonnades. 3 In these lay a multitude of invalids—blind, lame, and paralyzed. 5 One man was there who had been an invalid for thirty-eight years. 6 When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had already been there a long time, he said to him, “Do you want to be healed?” 7 The sick man answered him, “Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up, and while I am going another steps down before me.” 8 Jesus said to him, “Get up, take up your bed, and walk.” 9 And at once the man was healed, and he took up his bed and walked. Now that day was the Sabbath. 10 So the Jews said to the man who had been healed, “It is the Sabbath, and it is not lawful for you to take up your bed.” 11 But he answered them, “The man who healed me, that man said to me, ‘Take up your bed, and walk.’” 12 They asked him, “Who is the man who said to you, ‘Take up your bed and walk’?” 13 Now the man who had been healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had withdrawn, as there was a crowd in the place. 14 Afterward Jesus found him in the temple and said to him, “See, you are well! Sin no more, that nothing worse may happen to you.” 15 The man went away and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had healed him. 16 And this was why the Jews were persecuting Jesus, because he was doing these things on the Sabbath.

2. Don't _____ (vv. 9b-16)

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3. Learn _____ (vv. 14-15)

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

1. **Read Mark 4:35-41.** Like our passage, this story emphasizes the great power of Jesus. How would you like your life to reflect a greater trust in the power of Jesus this week?

2. Think of a health problem you have experienced or are currently experiencing and run through the three diagnostic questions discussed in point one. Did/does your attitude reflect an ultimate trust in God? What would it look like for you to trust God more with regard to your health?

3. **Read Matthew 23:23-26.** As you think about your Christian life, are there ways you think you have focused too much on traditions or externals while neglecting what was most important? How can you avoid this trap in the future?

4. **Read John 5:14.** Jesus warns this man about the potentially serious consequences that sin may bring. How can the possible consequences of sin be a help to you as you fight against temptation?

RECOMMENDED RESOURCES

Here are some books which may help you dig deeper into what we studied today. While Pastor Ben cannot endorse everything about each book/author, he does think these books are worth considering and reading.

Fabarez, Mike. *Lifelines for Tough Times*. Harvest House, 2018.

MacArthur, John. *Our Sufficiency in Christ*. Crossway, 1991.

Schreiner, Tom. *Spiritual Gifts: What They Are & Why They Matter*. B&H Publishing, 2018.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Continue to pray that our church would keep its focus on Jesus and help others to do the same during this time!

As the state continues to reopen pray for plentiful opportunities to share the gospel.

Pray that we would trust the power of Christ with all aspects of our life.

Pray that we would never become like the Pharisees.

Pray for the other churches in our network that have still not been able to resume services.

REVIVAL FROM THE BIBLE READING

| Date | O.T. | Psalms | N.T. | Gospels |
|-----------|----------------|----------------|------------------------|---------------|
| 5/25/2020 | 2 Samuel 3-5 | Psalm 66:8-15 | 1 Corinthians 11:1-16 | Mark 11:1-11 |
| 5/26/2020 | 2 Samuel 6-7 | Psalm 66:16-20 | 1 Corinthians 11:17-34 | Mark 11:12-19 |
| 5/27/2020 | 2 Samuel 8-10 | Psalm 67 | 1 Corinthians 12:1-11 | Mark 11:20-33 |
| 5/28/2020 | 2 Samuel 11-12 | Psalm 68:1-10 | 1 Corinthians 12:12-31 | Mark 12:1-12 |
| 5/29/2020 | 2 Samuel 13-14 | Psalm 68:11-18 | 1 Corinthians 13:1-13 | Mark 12:13-27 |
| 5/30/2020 | 2 Samuel 15-16 | Psalm 68:19-27 | 1 Corinthians 14:1-12 | Mark 12:28-34 |