

JESUS PROVOKES OPEN OPPOSITION
(John 5:1-16)

- I. The MIRACLE Performed (John 5:1-9a)
 - A. Jesus was in JERUSALEM for a FEAST
 - B. Jesus went to a POOL called “Bethesda”
 - 1. Described as having FIVE PORTICOES/PORCHES
 - 2. Described as SHELTERING many of the SICK
 - 3. Believed to be a place of HEALING
 - C. Jesus APPROACHED a man who had been ill for 38 years and asked if he WANTED to be HEALED
 - D. The sick man did not EXPECT to be HEALED
 - 1. He was too WEAK to get into the pool on his own
 - 2. He had no one to HELP him into the pool
 - 3. He did not see Jesus as able to HEAL HIM
 - E. Jesus issued three COMMANDS
 - 1. “GET UP”
 - 2. “PICK UP your pallet”
 - 3. “WALK”
 - F. The man IMMEDIATELY became WELL
 - G. He PICKED UP his pallet and STARTED WALKING

- II. The MASTER Persecuted (John 5:9b-16)
 - A. This event occurred on a SABBATH
 - B. The Jews accused the man of SABBATH BREAKING
 - C. He BLAMED “He who made me well”
 - D. The Jews demanded the NAME of “the MAN”
 - 1. The healed man DIDN’T KNOW who healed him
 - 2. Jesus had EVADED their notice
 - 3. Jesus SOUGHT HIM OUT in the temple
 - E. Jesus warned him to STOP SINNING so nothing WORSE HAPPENS
 - F. The man REPORTED Jesus to the AUTHORITIES
 - G. “The Jews” began PERSECUTING Jesus for REPEATED violation of their Sabbath rules