

Gospel of John Chapter 5

Key verse: **John 3:35-36**

The Father loves the Son and has given all things into his hand. ³⁶ Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life; whoever does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God remains on him.

John 5(ESV)

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 ¹³ Now the man who had been healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had withdrawn, as there was a crowd in the place.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. ¹⁷ But Jesus answered them, “My Father is working until now, and I am working.”

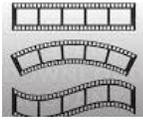
¹⁸ This was why the Jews were seeking all the more to kill him, because not only was he breaking the Sabbath, but he was even calling God his own Father, making himself equal with God.

¹⁹ So Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of his own accord, but only what he sees the Father doing. For whatever the Father does, that the Son does likewise. ²⁰ For the Father loves the Son and shows him all that he himself is doing. And greater works than these will he show him, so that you may marvel. ²¹ For as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, so also the Son gives life to whom he will. ²² The Father judges no one, but has given all judgment to the Son, ²³ that all may honor the Son, just as they honor the Father. Whoever does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent him. ²⁴ Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life.

²⁵ "Truly, truly, I say to you, an hour is coming, and is now here, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live. ²⁶ For as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son also to have life in himself. ²⁷ And he has given him authority to execute judgment, because he is the Son of Man. ²⁸ Do not marvel at this, for an hour is coming when all who are in the tombs will hear his voice ²⁹ and come out, those who have done good to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil to the resurrection of judgment.

³⁰ "I can do nothing on my own. As I hear, I judge, and my judgment is just, because I seek not my own will but the will of him who sent me. ³¹ If I alone bear witness about myself, my testimony is not true. ³² There is another who bears witness about me, and I know that the testimony that he bears about me is true. ³³ You sent to John, and he has borne witness to the truth. ³⁴ Not that the testimony that I receive is from man, but I say these things so that you may be saved. ³⁵ He was a burning and shining lamp, and you were willing to rejoice for a while in his light. ³⁶ But the testimony that I have is greater than that of John. For the works that the Father has given me to accomplish, the very works that I am doing, bear witness about me that the Father has sent me. ³⁷ And the Father who sent me has himself borne witness about me. His voice you have never heard, his form you have never seen, ³⁸ and you do not have his word abiding in you, for you do not believe the one whom he has sent. ³⁹ You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that bear witness about me, ⁴⁰ yet you refuse to come to me that you may have life. ⁴¹ I do not receive glory from people. ⁴² But I know that you do not have the love of God within you. ⁴³ I have come in my Father's name, and you do not receive me. If another comes in his own name, you will receive him. ⁴⁴ How can you believe, when you receive glory from one another and do not seek the glory that comes from the only God? ⁴⁵ Do not think that I will accuse you to the

Father. There is one who accuses you: Moses, on whom you have set your hope. ⁴⁶ For if you believed Moses, you would believe me; for he wrote of me. ⁴⁷ But if you do not believe his writings, how will you believe my words?"



Scene it

1. **Summary** of Events: Write down what happened in each scene of this chapter and how it relates to the theme of the book.

Scene	Passage	Location	Characters	What Happened?
12	5:1-13			
13	5:14-47			

Sign #3 _____

2. It is important to notice recurring themes throughout a literary work. This is not different for Biblical narratives. The author is developing themes and motifs throughout this gospel. What information is revealed about the *signs* which Jesus performed and about *belief*?

Signs: In this chapter, a sign is performed, but not called a sign. What was it?

Believe (any form of the word):

Glory:

- b. How does he interact with *people*?
7. John 5:27 says that the Father has given Jesus authority to execute judgment because he is the Son of Man. What do you learn about judgment from John 5:27-30 and about the Son of Man from Daniel's vision in 7:13-14?
8. What is revealed about the purpose of the signs in John 5:36-37?
9. Jesus tells the Pharisees that Moses is the one who will condemn them because Moses spoke of Jesus in the first five books of the Old Testament, also known as the Torah or Pentateuch. Hebrews 11:24-26 tells us that Moses knew about God's Man even before He left Egypt and received the Law:

By faith Moses, when he had grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, ²⁵ choosing rather to endure ill-treatment with the people of God than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin, ²⁶ considering the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures of Egypt; for he was looking to the reward.

Our first glimpse of God’s Messiah is in Genesis 3 when the serpent is being cursed by God. God’s Man is promised to crush the head of the serpent (Genesis 3:15). He was known throughout the Old Testament as “The Messiah”. The Old Adam was the first king of the earth who failed, but the Messiah would replace the first Adam as the perfect king. It is said that every woman after the Fall of Mankind hoped that she would be the mother of the Messiah. The term, “Christ” in the New Testament is the same term for Messiah. What are some things that Moses wrote about concerning the Christ /Messiah?

- Genesis 14:18-20 / Hebrews 5:6
- Exodus 12:23-27 / John 1:29
- Exodus 16:15; 17:7 / 1 Corinthians 10:1-4
- Leviticus 4:20 / Hebrews 3:1-3
- Numbers 21:8-9 / John 3:14-15
- Deuteronomy 18:15-18 / Luke 4:24

10. Pray: As you just took time to observe your Lord, now take time to praise God for the person and work of Jesus Christ. Be sure to thank God for the truth of Romans 8:14-17.

For all who are being led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God. ¹⁵ For you have not received a spirit of slavery leading to fear again, but you have received a spirit of adoption as sons by which we cry out, “Abba! Father!” ¹⁶ The Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷ and if children, heirs also, heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with *Him* so that we may also be glorified with *Him*.

11. There is an emphasis in the gospel of John on the witnesses to Christ being the Messiah. Three of them are listed in Chapter 5. Who are all the witnesses listed in the book of John?

1:6-8

5:36

5:37

5:39

8:18

15:26

15:27



GROWING IN RESPECT TO SALVATION

12. What do you learn about what it means to be a follower of Jesus Christ from this chapter? If there are any commands given to believers, list them. How will you apply this?

13. Take time to write down the verses below:

John 20:30-31

John 3:35-36



14. Create an artistic expression of this chapter (ie. prayer, poem, picture, acrostic, etc.)