

Simply Jesus | A More Significant Healing

John 5:1-47

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I. We can't get the Gospel right if we get Jesus wrong. (John 20:30-31)

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; 31but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

—John 20:30-31

II. A More Significant Healing (John 5:1-29)

A. Jesus is drawn to those who are at the end of themselves. (5:1-4)

He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and treated others with contempt: 10“Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. 11The Pharisee, standing by himself, prayedthus: ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. 12I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.’ 13But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner!’ 14I tell you, this man went down to his house justified, rather than the other. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted.”

—Luke 18:9-14

In these lay a multitude of invalids—blind, lame, and

paralyzed.

—John 5:3

In these lay a multitude of invalids-blind, lame and paralyzed. for an angel of the Lord went down at certain seasons into the pool, and stirred the water; [and] whoever stepped in FIRST after the stirring of the water was healed of whatever disease he had!

—John 5:3-4

One man was there who had been an invalid for thirty-eight years. 6When 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?" 7The 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."

—John 5:5-7

Jesus said to him, "Get up, take up your bed, and walk." 9And at once the man was healed, and he took up his bed and walked.

—John 5:8-9

B. Jesus is capable of healing anyone; however, He doesn't choose to heal everyone. (5: 5-9a)

Jesus said to him, "Get up, take up your bed, and walk."

—John 5:8

...Now that day was the Sabbath.

—John 5:9c

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."

—John 5:10

But he answered them, "The man who healed me, that man said to me, 'Take up your bed, and walk.'" 12They

asked him, "Who is the man who said to you, 'Take up your bed and walk'?" 13Now the man who had been healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had withdrawn, as there was a crowd in the place.

—John 5:11-13

C. Jesus is more concerned with man's spiritual healing than his physical healing. (5:9b-29)

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."

—John 5:14

For as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, so also the Son gives life to whom he will. 22For the Father judges no one, but has given all judgment to the Son, 23that 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. 24Truly, 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. 26For as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son also to have life in himself. 27And he has given him authority to execute judgment, because he is the Son of Man. 28Do not marvel at this, for an hour is coming when all who are in the tombs will hear his voice 29and come out, those who have done good to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil to the resurrection of judgment.

—John 5:21-29

And this was why the Jews were persecuting Jesus, because he was doing these things on the Sabbath. 17But Jesus answered them, "My Father is working until now, and I am working."

—John 5:16-17

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.

—John 5:17-18

D. Jesus never once corrected people's belief that He was God. (5:18-29)

III. Jesus didn't come to fix our temporal problems; He came to provide us with eternal life. (John 5:24; 39-47)

You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that bear witness about me, 40yet you refuse to come to me that you may have life.

—John 5:39-40

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. 46For if you believed Moses, you would believe me; for he wrote of me. 47But if you do not believe his writings, how will you believe my words?"

—John 5:45-47

Study Questions

1. Spend some time discussing the challenge of keeping our focus on eternal things while living in a temporal world. In your own opinion, why is this such a challenge for us as followers of Jesus? Explain. Also, talk about how losing sight of eternal things can distract us from enjoying eternal life here and now.
2. Read John 5:1-14. It was said in this week's message that Jesus is more concerned with our spiritual healing than He is our physical healing. Do you agree with this? Why or why not? Spend a few minutes wrestling with this question in light of Jesus's healing of the invalid by the Sheep Gate. What does Jesus' pursuit of this man after his healing tell us about Jesus's heart? Look specifically at what Jesus tells him. Finally, why do you think

most people are more concerned with their physical health than they are with their spiritual health. Explain.

3. In John 5:18, we are told why the Jews were so adamantly seeking to kill Jesus. Looking at the chapter as a whole, identify all the ways Jesus declared His authority as God's Son who is equal to His Father. Why is this declaration by Jesus so significant to the Gospel? Explain. Also, what can we conclude by the fact that Jesus never once corrected people who believed He was teaching that He was God? Be specific.
4. Jesus accused the Jews of putting their hope in Moses (i.e. Law - see John 5:45). In fact, Jesus says it was this misplaced hope that kept them from coming to Him for eternal life. As you wrap up your time as a group, discuss where you are most tempted to put your hope...if not in Jesus. In other words, what does this world offer that seems to promise life to you? Explain. Close out your group by encouraging one another to look only to Jesus to find true, lasting, eternal life. Commit to pray for one another and be available to one another this week when such temptation arises.