

**Title:** No Lifeguard on Duty

**Text:** John 5:1-17

**Target:** To discover why Jesus would do a miracle as a sign for a man who doesn't express gratitude in being healed.

I. **The Marginalized Multitude:** (Vs. 1-4)

- A. **The Location:** *"Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate a pool, in Aramaic called Bethesda, which has five roofed colonnades."* (Vs. 2)
  - 1. **Sheep Gate:** Temple Sacrifice
  - 2. **Pool of Bethesda:** House of Outpouring
  - 3. **Five roofed Colonnades:** Number of Grace
- B. **The Legend:** *"Waiting for the moving of the water, for an angel of the Lord went down at certain season into the pool, and stirred the water"* (Vs.4\*)
  - 1. **Heavenly Angels stirred the Water**
  - 2. **Healing Agents in the Water**
- C. **The Longing:** *"Whoever stepped in first after the stirring of the water was healed of whatever disease he had."* (Vs. 4\*)

II. **A Merciful Messiah:** (Vs. 5-9)

- A. **Divine Compassion:**
  - 1. **He saw him:** *"When Jesus saw him lying there."* (Vs. 6a)
  - 2. **He knew him:** *"...knew that he had already been there a long time."* (Vs. 6b)
  - 3. **He asked him:** *"Do you want to be healed?"* (Vs. 6c)
- B. **Divine Command:** *Jesus said to him, "Get up, take up your bed, and walk."* (Vs. 8)
- C. **Divine Change:** *"And at once the man was healed, and he took up his bed and walked. Now that day was the Sabbath."* (Vs. 9)
  - 1. **No Request for Healing**
  - 2. **No Response of Faith**
  - 3. **No Reaction of Thanksgiving**
- D. **Divine Conversation:** *"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."* (Vs. 14)

III. **The Message in the Miracle:** (Vs. 10-17)

- A. **Jesus is Sovereign in the Story:** *"The man went away and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had healed him."* (Vs. 15)
- B. **Jesus is Confronting Legalism:** *"And this was why the Jews were persecuting Jesus, because he was doing these things on the Sabbath."* (Vs. 16)
- C. **Jesus is Equal with God:** *"But Jesus answered them, "My Father is working until now, and I am working."* (Vs. 17)

**Take Away:** If Jesus would do all this for a man who would sell him out, then how much more would He do for someone who is sold out for him.