

# John 5:1-47

Tuesday Bible Study: Week 7



March 17, 2026

1. The man at the pool of Bethesda had been ill for thirty-eight years. Jesus asks him, “Do you want to be made well?” Why do you think Jesus asks this question? What are some reasons that we might *resist* Jesus’ healing?
2. The man responds to Jesus’s question not with a simple “yes” but with an explanation of why he *can’t* be healed. Have you ever found yourself explaining to God why something isn’t possible, rather than simply saying “yes” to what he is offering?
3. Jesus heals the man on the Sabbath, which provokes immediate controversy. Look at verses 16–18. What exactly are the religious authorities objecting to, and how does Jesus respond? What does this conflict reveal about how Jesus understands his relationship to the Father?
4. What do you make of the man’s response to the healing (verses 10-15)? How does his reaction compare to other people in John’s Gospel who have encountered Jesus?

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5. When Jesus finds the man again in the temple, he says, “See, you have been made well! Do not sin anymore, so that nothing worse happens to you.” What do you think Jesus means here? Is he linking illness to sin, or is he pointing to something deeper?
  
6. In verses 19–30, Jesus makes extraordinary claims about the Son’s authority to give life and to judge. Read this section slowly. What stands out to you? What is Jesus claiming about himself, and how does it connect to the Prologue (John 1:1–14)?
  
7. Jesus tells the man to “Stand up, take your mat and walk.” What does this tell us about the role we play in healing?
  - a. What step might God be calling you to take this week in response to what he is doing in your life?
  
8. Jesus says, “My Father is still working, and I also am working” (v. 17). What do you think he means by this? Where do you see God at work right now—in your own life, in your community, or in the world?