



The Seven Signs: A Poolside Healing

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Why Signs?

John 20:30-31

“30 Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; 31 but 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.”

Jesus's Words In The Third Sign

- ▶ Jesus's Question
- ▶ Jesus's Commands
- ▶ Jesus's Warning

John 5:1-9

1 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.

John 5:10-17

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said to you, 'Take up your bed and walk'?" 13 Now the man who had been healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had withdrawn, as there was a crowd in the place. 14 Afterward Jesus found him in the temple and said to him, "See, you are well!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."



Jesus's Question

Do You Want To Be Healed?

- Jesus's question tells us that he knows what is underneath and sees a sickness beyond being an invalid
- The sick man's response implies powerlessness and hopelessness that leads him to miss who is in front of him

Jesus's Commands

Get Up, Take Up Your Bed, And Walk

- Jesus addressed the sick man's physical need on the Sabbath and yet no reaction from the healed man
- The second command curiously ensures that there will be a controversy



Jesus's Warning

See, You Are Well! Sin No More, That Nothing Worse May Happen To You.

- There is an indication that there was a spiritual component
- Not all miracles lead to faith

Conclusion

My Father Is Working Until Now, And I Am Working

- The healing appears to be a setup for this truth bomb
- Jesus directly declares his divinity