

John 5

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The Healing at the Pool of Bethesda

- 1** After this there was a feast of the Jews; and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.
- 2** Now there is at Jerusalem by the sheep market a pool, which is called in the Hebrew tongue Bethesda, having five porches.
- 3** In these lay a great multitude of impotent folk, of blind, halt, withered, waiting for the moving of the water.
- 4** For an angel went down at a certain season into the pool, and troubled the water: whosoever then first after the troubling of the water stepped in was made whole of whatsoever disease he had.
- 5** And a certain man was there, which had an infirmity thirty and eight years.
- 6** When Jesus saw him lie, and knew that he had been now a long time in that case, he saith unto him, Wilt thou be made whole?
- 7** The impotent man answered him, Sir, I have no man, when the water is troubled, to put me into the pool: but while I am coming, another steppeth down before me.
- 8** Jesus saith unto him, Rise, take up thy bed, and walk.
- 9** And immediately the man was made whole, and took up his bed, and walked: and on the same day was the sabbath.
- 10** The Jews therefore said unto him that was cured, It is the sabbath day: it is not lawful for thee to carry thy bed.
- 11** He answered them, He that made me whole, the same said unto me, Take up thy bed, and walk.

12 Then asked they him, What man is that which said unto thee, Take up thy bed, and walk?

13 And he that was healed wist not who it was: for Jesus had conveyed himself away, a multitude being in that place.

14 Afterward Jesus findeth him in the temple, and said unto him, Behold, thou art made whole: sin no more, lest a worse thing come unto thee.

15 The man departed, and told the Jews that it was Jesus, which had made him whole.

Jesus Is Equal with God

16 And therefore did the Jews persecute Jesus, and sought to slay him, because he had done these things on the sabbath day.

17 But Jesus answered them, My Father worketh hitherto, and I work.

18 Therefore the Jews sought the more to kill him, because he not only had broken the sabbath, but said also that God was his Father, making himself equal with God.

19 Then answered Jesus and said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, The Son can do nothing of himself, but what he seeth the Father do: for what things soever he doeth, these also doeth the Son likewise.

20 For the Father loveth the Son, and sheweth him all things that himself doeth: and he will shew him greater works than these, that ye may marvel.

21 For as the Father raiseth up the dead, and quickeneth them; even so the Son quickeneth whom he will.

22 For the Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment unto the Son:

23 That all men should honour the Son, even as they honour the Father. He that honoureth not the Son honoureth not the Father which hath sent him.

24 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.

25 Verily, verily, I say unto you, The hour is coming, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and they that hear shall live.

26 For as the Father hath life in himself; so hath he given to the Son to have life in himself;

27 And hath given him authority to execute judgment also, because he is the Son of man.

28 Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice,

29 And shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation.

Witnesses to Jesus

30 I can of mine own self do nothing: as I hear, I judge: and my judgment is just; because I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me.

31 If I bear witness of myself, my witness is not true.

32 There is another that beareth witness of me; and I know that the witness which he witnesseth of me is true.

33 Ye sent unto John, and he bare witness unto the truth.

34 But I receive not testimony from man: but these things I say, that ye might be saved.

35 He was a burning and a shining light: and ye were willing for a season to rejoice in his light.

36 But I have greater witness than that of John: for the works which the Father hath given me to finish, the same works that I do, bear witness of me, that the Father hath sent me.

37 And the Father himself, which hath sent me, hath borne witness of me. Ye have neither heard his voice at any time, nor seen his shape.

38 And ye have not his word abiding in you: for whom he hath sent, him ye believe not.

39 Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me.

40 And ye will not come to me, that ye might have life.

41 I receive not honour from men.

42 But I know you, that ye have not the love of God in you.

43 I am come in my Father's name, and ye receive me not: if another shall come in his own name, him ye will receive.

44 How can ye believe, which receive honour one of another, and seek not the honour that cometh from God only?

45 Do not think that I will accuse you to the Father: there is one that accuseth you, even Moses, in whom ye trust.

46 For had ye believed Moses, ye would have believed me: for he wrote of me.

47 But if ye believe not his writings, how shall ye believe my words?

HEBREW & GREEK WORD STUDIES

Angel — ἄγγελος (Angelos)

Angel, messenger

The Greek **angelos** (ἄγγελος) means angel or messenger. Angels announced Christ's birth (Luke 2:9-14), ministered to Him (Matthew 4:11), and will accompany His return (Matthew 25:31).

Believe — πιστεύω (Pisteuo)

To believe, trust, have faith

The Greek **pisteuo** (πιστεύω) means to believe or trust—active reliance upon Christ. 'For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish' (John 3:16).

Eternal — αἰώνιος (Aiōnios)

Eternal, everlasting

The Greek **aiōnios** (αἰώνιος) denotes eternal or everlasting—unending duration. Believers possess 'eternal life' (John 3:16) now and will dwell with God eternally, while the impenitent face 'eternal punishment' (Matthew 25:46).

God — Θεός (Theos)

God

The Greek **Theos** (Θεός) refers to deity, used both for the one true God and false gods. Context determines whether it denotes the Father specifically or the Godhead generally.

Judgment — κρίσις (Krisis)

Judgment, decision

The Greek **krisis** (κρίσις) denotes judgment—evaluation and sentence. All will stand before God's judgment seat (Romans 14:10), and Christ has been appointed Judge of the living and dead (Acts 10:42).

Love — ἀγάπη (Agape)

Divine love

The Greek **agape** (ἀγάπη) denotes self-sacrificial, unconditional love—the highest form of love, characterizing God's nature (1 John 4:8) and the love Christians are called to demonstrate.

Resurrection — ἀνάστασις (Anastasis)

Resurrection, rising

The Greek **anastasis** (ἀνάστασις) means resurrection—rising from death to life. Christ's resurrection is the 'firstfruits' (1 Corinthians 15:20), guaranteeing believers' future bodily resurrection and victory over death.

Save — σώζω (Sozo)

To save, deliver, heal

The Greek **sozo** (σώζω) means to save—deliverance from sin, death, and judgment. 'Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved' (Acts 16:31). The word also encompasses physical healing and spiritual wholeness.

Truth — ἀλήθεια (Aletheia)

Truth, reality

The Greek **aletheia** (ἀλήθεια) denotes truth or reality—that which corresponds to actuality. Jesus declared, 'I am the way, the truth, and the life' (John 14:6), embodying ultimate reality.

Word — λόγος (Logos)

Word, reason, message

The Greek **Logos** (Λόγος) means word, reason, or message—the rational principle underlying reality. John identifies Christ as the eternal Logos: 'In the beginning was the Word' (John 1:1).

CROSS REFERENCES

John 5:1 **Parallel theme:** Exodus 34:23; Deuteronomy 16:16

John 5:2 **Parallel theme:** Nehemiah 3:1; 3:32; 12:39

John 5:3 **Parallel theme:** Matthew 15:30; Luke 7:22

John 5:5 **Parallel theme:** John 5:14; 9:1; 9:21; Mark 9:21; Luke 8:43; 13:16; Acts 3:2; 4:22; 9:33; 14:8

John 5:6 **Parallel theme:** Psalms 142:3; Isaiah 65:1; Luke 18:41; Hebrews 4:13; 4:15.

References Jesus: John 21:17

John 5:7

Parallel theme: Deuteronomy 32:36; Psalms 72:12; 142:4; Romans 5:6; 1 Corinthians 9:24

John 5:8 **Resurrection:** Matthew 9:6; Mark 2:11; Luke 5:24; Acts 9:34

John 5:9 **Creation:** John 9:14; Mark 10:52. **Parallel theme:** Mark 1:31; 1:42; 5:29

John 5:10

Parallel theme: John 5:16; 9:16; Jeremiah 17:21; Luke 13:14. **Word:** Mark 2:24; 3:4; Luke 6:2

John 5:12 **Parallel theme:** Matthew 21:23

John 5:13 **Parallel theme:** Luke 4:30; 24:31. **References Jesus:** John 8:59; 14:9

John 5:14 **Sin:** John 8:11; Psalms 27:6; Isaiah 38:20; Mark 2:5. **Parallel theme:** John 5:5; Leviticus 26:27; 2 Chronicles 28:22; Nehemiah 9:28; Psalms 118:18; Matthew 12:45

John 5:15 **Parallel theme:** John 1:19; 4:29; 5:12; 9:15; 9:25; 9:30; 9:34. **References Jesus:** Mark 1:45

John 5:16 **Parallel theme:** John 10:39; 15:20

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References God: John 8:54; 10:33; 19:7; Philippians 2:6; Revelation 22:1. **Parallel theme:** John 5:23; 8:58; 10:30; 14:23; Zechariah 13:7

John 5:19

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John 5:20 Love: John 3:35; 17:26; Matthew 3:17; 2 Peter 1:17. **Parallel theme:** John 15:15

John 5:21 Resurrection: John 11:25; Acts 26:8; Romans 8:11. **Parallel theme:** John 17:2; Deuteronomy 32:39; 1 Kings 17:21; 2 Kings 5:7

John 5:22 Judgment: John 5:27; 9:39; Psalms 96:13; Acts 10:42; 17:31; Romans 2:16; 2 Corinthians 5:10; 2 Timothy 4:1. **Parallel theme:** John 17:2; Matthew 28:18

John 5:23

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John 5:24 Faith: John 3:16; 3:18; 3:36; 6:40; 6:47; 11:26; 20:31. **Parallel theme:** John 8:51; Romans 8:1; 1 Thessalonians 5:9

John 5:25 Parallel theme: John 4:23; 5:21; 5:28; Romans 6:4; Ephesians 2:1; 2:5; 5:14; Colossians 2:13. **References God:** John 8:47; Revelation 3:1

John 5:26

Parallel theme: John 1:4; 11:26; 14:6; Exodus 3:14; Psalms 36:9; Jeremiah 10:10; 1 Corinthians 15:45; 1 Timothy 1:17; 6:16; Revelation 22:17

John 5:27 Judgment: John 5:22; Acts 10:42; 17:31. **Parallel theme:** 1 Corinthians 15:25

John 5:28 Parallel theme: Isaiah 26:19; 1 Corinthians 15:22; Philippians 3:21; Revelation 20:12

John 5:29 Resurrection: Luke 14:14; Acts 24:15. **Good:** 1 Timothy 6:18

John 5:30 Parallel theme: John 4:34; 5:19; 6:38; 8:28; 8:42; 14:10; Matthew 26:39; Romans 15:3. **Judgment:** John 8:50. **Righteousness:** Psalms 96:13

John 5:31 Parallel theme: John 8:54; Proverbs 27:2

John 5:34 **Witness:** 1 John 5:9. **Parallel theme:** John 20:31

John 5:35 **Light:** 2 Peter 1:19. **Parallel theme:** Matthew 11:11

John 5:36 **Witness:** John 5:32; 10:25; 1 John 5:9. **Parallel theme:** John 2:23; 3:2; 3:17; 4:34; 15:24; Acts 2:22. **References John:** Matthew 11:4

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John 5:38

Word: John 8:37; 15:7; Joshua 1:8; 1 John 2:14. **Faith:** Isaiah 49:7. **Parallel theme:** John 1:11

John 5:39 **Word:** Jeremiah 8:9; Matthew 22:29; Mark 12:10; Luke 24:27; 24:44; Acts 17:11. **Parallel theme:** John 5:46; Isaiah 34:16; Acts 13:27; Romans 3:2

John 5:40 **Parallel theme:** John 1:11; 3:19; 6:27; 6:37; 6:40; Psalms 81:11; Isaiah 49:7; 50:2; Matthew 23:37; Revelation 22:17

John 5:41 **Parallel theme:** John 5:34; 7:18; 8:50; 1 Thessalonians 2:6

John 5:42 **Love:** 1 John 2:15; 3:17; 4:20. **Parallel theme:** John 2:25

John 5:43 **Parallel theme:** John 6:38; 10:25; 12:28; Matthew 24:5

John 5:44 **References God:** John 12:43; 1 Samuel 2:30; Romans 2:29; 1 Corinthians 4:5. **Parallel theme:** Matthew 23:5; Romans 2:7; 2:10; Philippians 2:3. **Faith:** Luke 19:17; 1 Peter 1:7

John 5:45 **Parallel theme:** Romans 2:12; Galatians 3:10

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John 5:47 **Parallel theme:** Luke 16:29; 16:31