

## John 5

John 5:1-4 say, “After these things there was a feast of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. Now there is in Jerusalem by the sheep gate a pool, which is called in Hebrew Bethesda, having five porticos. In these lay a multitude of those who were sick, blind, lame, and withered, waiting for the moving of the waters; for an angel of the Lord went down at certain seasons into the pool and stirred up the water; whoever then first, after the stirring up of the water, stepping in was made well from whatever disease with which he was afflicted.” This opening to John 5 is difficult because of this account of the “\_\_\_\_\_ up of the water” by the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord for those severely in need of miraculous healing. In the Bible, the “angel of the Lord” oftentimes \_\_\_\_\_ the Lord, especially as referenced in the Old Testament (Abraham, Jacob, Manoah). So for the Lord to \_\_\_\_\_ by this most unusual means is not out of His normal way of ministering. Throughout the Bible, many different amazing accounts of healing are testified about. This introduction led to Jesus’ encounter with a man unable to walk who sat near the pool waters.

John 5:5-9 say, “A man was there who had been ill for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him lying there, and knew that he had already been a long time in that condition, He said to him, “Do you wish to get well?” The sick man answered Him, “Sir, I have no man to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up, but while I am coming, another steps down before me.” Jesus said to him, “Get up, pick up your pallet and walk.” Immediately the man became well, and picked up his pallet and began to walk. Now it was the Sabbath on that day.” Since Jesus is the Lord, He could heal in the \_\_\_\_\_ way as when the angel of the Lord would heal in the stirring of the waters. Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ (as Sovereign and Omniscient God) about the man’s illness for 38 excruciating years. He asked him if he longed to get well. His response to Jesus was one of \_\_\_\_\_, never being able to get to the waters first. Jesus answered his heart’s longing by commanding his healing to “pick up his pallet and walk.” The man did so, not needing “the stirring” but the Lord who \_\_\_\_\_ healed him! Jesus performed this miracle of healing on the Sabbath day.

John 5:10-13 say, “So the Jews were saying to the man who was cured, “It is the Sabbath, and it is not permissible for you to carry your pallet.” But he answered them, “He who made me well was the one who said to me, ‘Pick up your pallet and walk.’” They asked him, “Who is the man who said to you, ‘Pick up your pallet and

walk'?" But the man who was healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had slipped away while there was a crowd in that place." On the Sabbath day for Jews, the prohibition about carrying loads of any kind was very \_\_\_\_\_ interpreted by religious, Jewish lawyers beyond what the law of Moses actually commanded (see Jeremiah 17:21-22). These Jews did not care that the man had been healed—rather, they wanted to know \_\_\_\_\_ had claimed spiritual authority for his healing to have been accomplished. The healed man did not know, as Jesus quickly had left the pool waters area.

John 5:14-17 say, "Afterward Jesus found him in the temple and said to him, "Behold, you have become well; do not sin anymore, so that nothing worse happens to you." The man went away, and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had made him well. For this reason the Jews were persecuting Jesus, because He was doing these things on the Sabbath. But He answered them, "My Father is working until now, and I Myself am working." Jesus came back to lovingly warn the man healed not to \_\_\_\_\_ a lifestyle of sinning, lest his healing be for naught, and his soul perish. Interestingly, the man went to the Jews to tell them that it was Jesus who had healed him. Therefore, the Jews \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus, using His supposed breaking of the Sabbath as a convenient excuse to eventually \_\_\_\_\_ Him! Jesus gave His Father glory for the work of healing He was doing \_\_\_\_\_ with His work.

John 5:18-24 say, "For this reason therefore the Jews were seeking all the more to kill Him, Because He not only was breaking the Sabbath, but also was calling God His own Father, making Himself equal with God. Therefore Jesus answered and was saying to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, unless it is something He sees the Father doing; for whatever the Father does, these things the Son also does in like manner. "For the Father loves the Son, and shows Him all things that He Himself is doing; and the Father will show Him greater works than these, so that you will marvel. "For just as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, even so the Son also gives life to whom He wishes. "For not even the Father judges anyone, but He has given all judgment to the Son, so that all will honor the Son even as they honor the Father. He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent Him. Truly, truly, I say to you, he who hears My word, and believes Him who sent Me, has eternal life, and does not come into judgment, but has passed out of death into life." From John 5:17, the Jews understood that Jesus was claiming \_\_\_\_\_ with God His Father. This was another reason they desired to kill Jesus. In these verses, Jesus claimed equality with His Father in

what He \_\_\_\_\_ His Father doing; in amazing \_\_\_\_\_ of His power and righteousness; in having the authority to \_\_\_\_\_ the dead and impart eternal life to believers; and to receive His Father's will to \_\_\_\_\_ every human being with perfect justice. He told the Jews plainly that to \_\_\_\_\_ Him was to honor His Father, and to not honor Him would bring dishonor to God! To emphasize the point, Jesus equated His \_\_\_\_\_ with His Father's word, for believers to not be judged but to receive eternal life—passing out of death into life!

John 5:25-29 say, "Truly, truly, I say to you, an hour is coming and now is, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live. "For just as the Father has life in Himself, even so He gave to the Son also to have life in Himself; and He gave Him authority to execute judgment, because He is the Son of Man. "Do not marvel at this; for an hour is coming, in which all who are in the tombs will hear His voice, and will come forth; those who did the good deeds to a resurrection of life, those who committed the evil deeds to a resurrection of judgment." The "dead" from John 5:25 are the spiritually dead, who, in that \_\_\_\_\_ time, could \_\_\_\_\_ the voice of the Lord Jesus Christ and respond and live by faith in Him. Both the Father and the Son are \_\_\_\_\_ (having life in themselves with the authority to judge all human beings). On the day of God's judgment, \_\_\_\_\_ will "come forth" to be judged either to eternal life (a resurrection to life as \_\_\_\_\_ by a faith demonstrated by good deeds—see James 2:14-26) or to a resurrection of judgment (to hell) as evidenced by evil deeds of unbelief.

John 5:30-36 say, "I can do nothing on My own initiative. As I hear, I judge; and My judgment is just, because I do not seek My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me. "If I alone testify about Myself, My testimony is not true. "There is another who testifies of Me, and I know that the testimony which he gives about Me is true. "You have sent to John, and he has testified to the truth. But the testimony which I receive is not from man, but I say these things so that you may be saved. "He was the lamp that was burning and was shining and you were willing to rejoice for a while in his light. "But the testimony which I have is greater than the testimony of John; for the works which the Father has given Me to accomplish—the very works that I do—testify about Me, that the Father has sent Me." Again, God the Father entrusted all judgment to Jesus His Son—a \_\_\_\_\_ judgment according to God's \_\_\_\_\_. Jesus' testimony to be the scriptural fulfillment as God the Son and the Son of Man was \_\_\_\_\_ by His Father. Concerning John the Baptist, Jesus confirmed his testimony to the truth of Himself being the "Lamb of God."

John testimony was divinely \_\_\_\_\_, though John was only human. But Jesus' testimony of Himself was even greater because of His divine Father's will to have \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus to accomplish His eternal plan!

John 5:37-40 say, "And the Father who sent Me, He has testified of Me. You have neither heard His voice at any time nor seen His form. "You do not have His word abiding in you, for you do not believe Him whom He sent. "You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; it is these that testify about Me; and you are unwilling to come to Me so that you may have life." From these verses, Jesus spoke plainly that the Jews who wanted Him dead did not know God—neither having \_\_\_\_\_ His voice nor having \_\_\_\_\_ His form. God's word did not \_\_\_\_\_ in them because they did not believe that Jesus was His Father's Messiah sent to save people from their sins. Even though they had studied the Old Testament scriptures, their hearts were hardened to God's \_\_\_\_\_ of His promised Son.

John 5:41-44 say, "I do not receive glory from men; but I know you, that you do not have the love of God in yourselves. "I have come in My Father's name, and you do not receive Me; if another comes in his own name, you will receive him. "How can you believe, when you receive glory from one another and you do not seek the glory that is from the one and only God?" The indictment here from Jesus is that the Jews seeking His death were only concerned about \_\_\_\_\_ own glory, rather than the glory of God. In this way, Jesus rightly declared that God's \_\_\_\_\_ was not in them. They would receive others in their own names, but not receive Him having come in His Father's name (see John 1:11-13).

John 5:45-47 say, "Do not think that I will accuse you before the Father; the one who accuses you is Moses, in whom you have set your hope. "For if you believed Moses, you would believe Me, for he wrote about Me. "But if you do not believe his writings, how will you believe My words?" In speaking of their impending judgment lest they repent and believe in Him, Jesus said that their judge would be \_\_\_\_\_, who wrote God's inspired word from Genesis through Deuteronomy which testified about Jesus as the Lord's coming Messiah. Their unbelief of these \_\_\_\_\_ would, again, harden them to Jesus' present word about His being His Father's divine Son.