

# Jesus the Great Physician

John 5:1-18

**Jesus is Concerned About Our Problems (John 5:1-6)** We don't really know what Feast they were at, possibly the Passover, but we do know that it was at this place known as Bethesda. Bethesda, or in Hebrew is "The house of mercy," was known for its strong healing properties - of restoring health to the sick. A man who had been sick for 38 years caught the attention of Jesus. No one was there to place the man into the pool for its healing ability. The awesome friends recorded in Luke 5:17-26 (the ones who tore the roof off the home to get the lame man to Jesus) were nowhere to be found in this case. Jesus cared about this man and cares about us! 9 times throughout the gospels, Jesus had this type of compassion for others! Jesus is the Great Physician who cares about our problems! 1 Peter 5:7 "Casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you." Matthew 11:28 "Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." Nahum 1:7 "The Lord is good, a stronghold in the day of trouble; he knows those who take refuge in him."

**Jesus is all Powerful (John 5:7-9)** Jesus displays His power through speaking it into being. We see this same type power in Genesis 1:3 "And God said, Let there be light, and there was light." 1:6 "And God said, Let there be an expanse..." created water, 1:6 created land, 1:11 created plants, 1:14 created stars, 1:20 water creatures, 1:24 land animals, 1:26 He made mankind in His image. All of this was spoken into existence by His power. In John 4:46-54 Jesus had healed the official's son without having to go to him, but it was spoken. It is recorded 22 times through the gospels that Jesus has healing power! He has power over sickness, sin, and every situation. He has power over life and death. When we engage in the spiritual disciplines of Prayer and Praise, we are dependent upon the power of God! In fact, we are powerless when we are prayerless and praise-less. Prayer to Jesus + Praise to Jesus = Power in Jesus

We are to repent from our victim mentality of wrong thoughts, attitudes, and actions. We are to become prayerful, praise-driven, and as a result we will be powerful through Jesus Christ.

-Acts 3:19-20 "Repent therefore, and turn back, that your sins may be blotted out, that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus," We turn back to Christ through prayer and praise!

**Jesus has a Bigger Purpose (John 5:10-18)** The religious leaders of the day were trying to stop Jesus by catching him breaking a religious law. Jesus has a bigger purpose than to be stopped, limited, or bound by man's plans. What is the bigger purpose of Jesus? It's you! You are to be

satisfied in Christ, healed in Christ to bring Him glory! Jesus is to be glorified and shown as all powerful! In verse 17 “Jesus answered them, My Father is working until now, and I am working.” Jesus is doing what His Father does, which is the bigger purpose of caring for mankind. In verse 18 they feel that Jesus is being blasphemous. But in His bigger purpose, Jesus has authority over the Sabbath because He is the author of the Sabbath.

### How do we Experience Jesus as the Great Physician?

a. **Rely on Jesus for Everything** (Matthew 11:28) “Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.”

b. **Rejoice in the Lord** (Philippians 4:4-7) “Rejoice in the Lord always; again, I will say, rejoice. Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”

c. **Remember Jesus came to give us abundant life** (John 10:10)

d. **Realize you are a victor through Jesus, not a victim** (1 Corinthians 15:57) “But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.”