



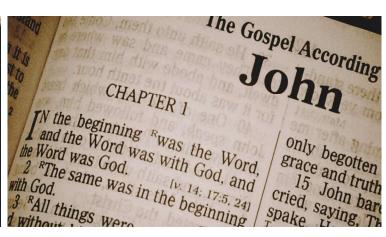
'When Jesus saw him lying there and learned that he had been in this condition for a long time, he asked him, 'Do you want to get well?'...Then Jesus said to him, 'Get up! Pick up your mat and walk.' At once the man was cured; he picked up his mat and walked.'

(John 5:6, 8-9)

'Jesus is Lord over sickness and Lord over the Sabbath. What that means is that Jesus can heal and give rest.

Jesus can heal your broken bone or your broken heart or your broken relationship. If you're tired and weary and don't have the strength to go on, Jesus can give you rest.' (Matt Carter)

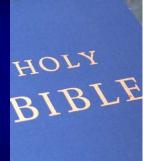




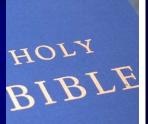
'One who was there had been an invalid for thirty-eight years.' (John 5:5)



'Here a great number of disabled people used to lie – the blind, the lame, the paralysed...Jesus said to him, 'Get up...and walk.' At once the man was cured...' (John 5:3, 8-9)



'Sir,' the invalid replied,
'I have no one to help
me into the pool when
the water is stirred.
While I am trying to get
in, someone else goes
down ahead of me.'
(John 5:7)

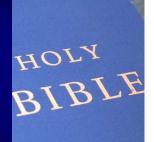


'Jesus gave them this answer: 'Very truly I tell you, the Son can do nothing by himself; he can do only what he sees his Father doing, because whatever the Father does the Son also does.' (John 5:19)

'Jesus does instantly what the Father is always doing slowly.' (George MacDonald)



'For this reason they tried all the more to kill him; not only was he breaking the Sabbath, but he was even calling God his own Father, making himself equal with God.' (John 5:18)





'We live in a world of pluralism and tolerance that exerts enormous pressure on us to refine away the distinctives of our faith that might offend. We will hear: It is fine to make Jesus one way to God, but do not make him The Way...John 5 [asks us]: Am I willing to be labelled as a blasphemer to the religious canons of my day when my hour comes?' (Gary Burge)

'Surely he took up our pain and bore our suffering...
he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed.'
(Isaiah 53:4-5)

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