



# Signs of glory

*A sermon series on John*

## Glorious Healing

John 5:1-27

A sign points us to something greater than itself.



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.

- John 20:30-31



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said to you, ‘Take up your bed and walk’?” 13 Now the man who had been healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had withdrawn, as there was a crowd in the place. 14 Afterward Jesus found him in the temple and said to him, “See, you are well!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

18 This was why the Jews were seeking all the more to kill him, because not only was he breaking the Sabbath, but he was even calling God his own Father, making himself equal with God. 19 So Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of his own accord, but only what he sees the Father doing. For whatever the Father does, that the Son does likewise. 20 For the Father loves the Son and shows him all that he himself is doing. And greater works than these will he show him, so that you may marvel. 21 For as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, so also the Son gives life to whom he will.

22 For the Father judges no one, but has given all judgment to the Son, 23 that all may honor the Son, just as they honor the Father. Whoever does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent him. 24 Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life. 25 “Truly, truly, I say to you, an hour is coming, and is now here, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live. 26 For as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son also to have life in himself. 27 And he has given him authority to execute judgment, because he is the Son of Man.

- John 5:1-27



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- NIH webpage



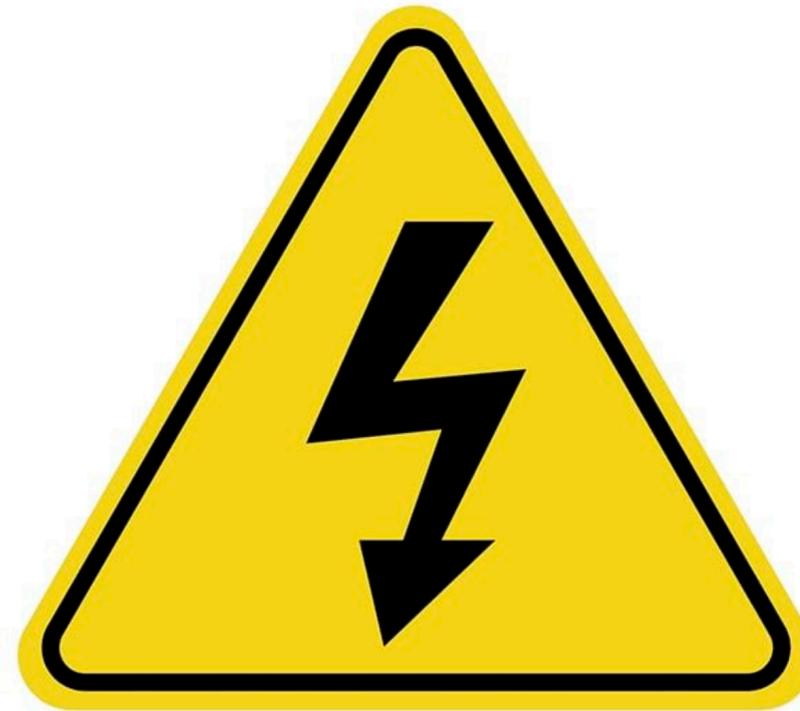
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**OPEN**

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**EDUCATION IS  
IMPORTANT BUT  
GOOD ICE  
CREAM IS  
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**A miraculous sign in John's Gospel:**

It shifts the information burden from what the eyes see to what the **HEART** already knows.



## **John 5:1-27**

- **Main Idea:** The Sign Demonstrates: 1. His Unity with the Father 2. His authority to grant life 3. His Authority to execute judgment at the end of time.
- **vss. 1-9:** The Sign
- **vss. 10-17:** Two Charges Against Jesus
- **vss. 18-27:** Signs of Glory: Unity, Life, Judgement



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?”

- John 5:6



“If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross **daily** and follow me.

- Luke 9:23



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 (ἐγείρε), take up your bed, and walk.” 9 And at once the man was healed, and he took up his bed and walked.

- John 5:7-9



21 For as the Father raises (ἐγείρει) the dead and gives them life, so also the Son gives life to whom he will.

- John 5:21



Now that day was the Sabbath. 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’?”

-John 5:9-12



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.” 18 This was why the Jews were seeking all the more to kill him, because not only was he breaking the Sabbath, but he was even calling God his own Father, making himself equal with God.

- John 5:14-18



***Sabbath Breaking:*** “And this was why the Jews were persecuting Jesus, because he was doing these things on the Sabbath.” (John 5:16)

***Blasphemy:*** “This was why the Jews were seeking all the more to kill him, because not only was he breaking the Sabbath, but he was even calling God his own Father, making himself equal with God.” (John 5:18)



## **The Sign = Healing Lame Man**

1. Jesus and God are one;
2. Jesus gives life to dead things;
3. Jesus has power to execute final judgment.



## **First Claim: Jesus and God are one**

***vs. 17:** But Jesus answered them, “My Father is working until now, and I am working.”*

***vss. 19-20:** So Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of his own accord, but only what he sees the Father doing. For whatever the Father does, that the Son does likewise.  
20 For the Father loves the Son and shows him all that he himself is doing.*

***vs 23:** that all may honor the Son, just as they honor the Father. Whoever does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent him.*



I am trying here to prevent anyone saying the really foolish thing that people often say about Him: I'm ready to accept Jesus as a great moral teacher, but I don't accept his claim to be God. That is the one thing we must not say. A man who was merely a man and said the sort of things Jesus said would not be a great moral teacher. He would either be a lunatic—on the level with the man who says he is a poached egg—or else he would be the Devil of Hell. You must make your choice. Either this man was, and is, the Son of God, or else a madman or something worse.

You can shut him up for a fool, you can spit at him and kill him as a demon or you can fall at his feet and call him Lord and God, but let us not come with any patronising nonsense about his being a great human teacher. He has not left that open to us. He did not intend to. . . . Now it seems to me obvious that He was neither a lunatic nor a fiend: and consequently, however strange or terrifying or unlikely it may seem, I have to accept the view that He was and is God.

-C.S. Lewis, *Mere Christianity*, 55-56



## **The second claim: Jesus Gives Life**

**Vs. 21:** *For as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, so also the Son gives life to whom he will.*

**vss 24-26:** *Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life. “Truly, truly, I say to you, an hour is coming, and is now here, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live. For as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son also to have life in himself.*



Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life.

- John 5:24



**Third Claim:** Jesus is the giver of grace as the one through whom God executes His judgment.

**vss 22-23:** For the Father judges no one, but has given all judgment to the Son, that all may honor the Son, just as they honor the Father. Whoever does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent him.

**vs 27:** And he (God the Father) has given him authority to execute judgment, because he is the Son of Man.



17 For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

18 Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God.

- John 3:17-18



18 For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God

- 1 Peter 3:18



## **Jesus Makes Three Claims:**

- He is one with God (vss 17, 19, 20-23)
- He is the giver of life (vss. 21, 22-24)
- As Judge, He is the source of mercy, grace and forgiveness.  
(vss. 22-23, 27)