

## THE SUNDAY OF THE PARALYTIC



### John 5:1-15

<sup>1</sup>After this there was a festival of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. <sup>2</sup>Now in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate there is a pool, called in Hebrew Beth-zatha, which has five porticoes. <sup>3</sup>In these lay many invalids—blind, lame, and paralyzed. <sup>4</sup>One man was there who had been ill for thirty-eight years. <sup>5</sup>When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had been there a long time, he said to him, **“Do you want to be made well?”** <sup>6</sup>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 making my way, someone else steps down ahead of me.” <sup>7</sup>Jesus said to him, **“Stand up, take your mat and walk.”** <sup>8</sup>At once the man was made well, and he took up his mat and began to walk. Now that day was a sabbath. <sup>9</sup>So the Jews said to the man who had been cured, “It is the sabbath; it is not lawful for you to carry your mat.” <sup>10</sup>But he answered them, “The man who made me well said to me, ‘Take up your mat and walk.’” <sup>11</sup>They asked him, “Who is the man who said to you, ‘Take it up and walk?’” <sup>12</sup>Now the man who had been healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had disappeared in the crowd that was there. <sup>13</sup>Later Jesus found him in the temple and said to him, **“See, you have been made well! Do not sin any more, so that nothing worse happens to you.”** <sup>14</sup>The man went away and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had made him well.

### Read John 5:1-15 - the Gospel reading for the Sunday of the Paralytic

Why did Jesus go to Jerusalem (vs. 1)?

How long had the paralyzed man been sick (vs. 5)?

What did Jesus ask him (vs. 6)?

Why did the authorities object to the healing (vs. 10)?

What did Jesus tell the healed man (vs. 14)?

Why do you think Jesus asked the paralytic, who had been sick for 38 years, "Do you want to get well" (vs. 6)?



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Near the sheep pool, Jesus heals the man who cannot walk.