

# THE MAN AT THE POOL OF BETHESDA

John 5:1-16.

## LESSON 40 – Primary Course

MEMORY VERSE: “The Lord shall raise him up” (James 5:15).

### BIBLE TEXT

#### John 5:1-16

1 After this there was a feast of the Jews; and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

2 Now there is at Jerusalem by the sheep market a pool, which is called in the Hebrew tongue Bethesda, having five porches.

3 In these lay a great multitude of impotent folk, of blind, halt, withered, waiting for the moving of the water.

4 For an angel went down at a certain season into the pool, and troubled the water: whosoever then first after the troubling of the water stepped in was made whole of whatsoever disease he had.

5 And a certain man was there, which had an infirmity thirty and eight years.

6 When Jesus saw him lie, and knew that he had been now a long time in that case, he saith unto him, Wilt thou be made whole?

7 The impotent man answered him, Sir, I have no man, when the water is troubled, to put me into the pool: but while I am coming, another steppeth down before me.

8 Jesus saith unto him, Rise, take up thy bed, and walk.

9 And immediately the man was made whole, and took up his bed, and walked: and on the same day was the sabbath.

10 The Jews therefore said unto him that was cured, It is the sabbath day: it is not lawful for thee to carry thy bed.

11 He answered them, He that made me whole, the same said unto me, Take up thy bed, and walk.

12 Then asked they him, What man is that which said unto thee, Take up thy bed, and walk?

13 And he that was healed wist not who it was: for Jesus had conveyed himself away, a multitude being in that place.

14 Afterward Jesus findeth him in the temple, and said unto him, Behold, thou art made whole: sin no more, lest a worse thing come unto thee.

15 The man departed, and told the Jews that it was Jesus, which had made him whole.

16 And therefore did the Jews persecute Jesus, and sought to slay him, because he had done these things on the sabbath day.

### NOTES

#### His Healing Power

How glad we should be that Jesus can and is willing to heal all our sicknesses. It does not matter what kind of sickness it is, for there is nothing too hard for Jesus to do. The man who can make an automobile or any other thing can easily make right any part that gets out of order. God Who made our bodies in the first place can easily heal any part of us that gets out of order. We are happy to read in the Bible that God is willing to do it, for He has told us in His Word that if people will pray and believe God He will heal them.

We call for the ministers to pray for us, and we pray, because the Bible tells us to do that. We have seen many times that God heals the sick when they believe His Word and trust Him. It is a wonderful thing to have a Friend like Jesus!

### **The Sick Man at the Pool**

There was a pool, or pond, that people were eager to get into after the angel had stirred it up at certain times. Jesus came by that pool one day and saw a sick man lying near the pool. He had been sick 38 years. Jesus always felt sorry for anyone in trouble and he asked the man if he would like to be healed. The man did not know he was talking to One Who could do all things, and he said that there was no one to help him into the pool after the angel had trouble it. He said others always went ahead of him.

It was not necessary for the man to be carried to the pool this time, for all Jesus needed to do was to say, "Rise, take up thy bed, and walk." Jesus gave the man the strength he needed to get right up and walk. That is the way Jesus does; when He tells us to do something, He is willing to give us the help we need for what He tells us to do.

The man was made well right away. He took up his bed and walked away from that place where he had been so many times in the 38 years. How thankful he must have been to Jesus for making him well again!

### **Men Who Did Not Love Jesus**

There were some people who did not love Jesus because He told them they were wicked. Jesus told them they were doing things that were wrong and He wanted to help them to be good, but they did not want to do good. They said that it was Jesus Who was doing things that were not right, but that was not the truth. They watched Jesus to see if they could find some fault in Him, but Jesus never did anything but what was good.

The men who did not love Jesus said that He should not heal the sick man and that he should not carry his bed on their Sabbath day. But he told them that Jesus said he could do it. We must obey God rather than obey men. Then they wanted to know who it was that had told him to take up his bed and walk. The man said he did not know who He was. Jesus had gone away, but He found the man He had healed and told him not to sin any more or something worse might come to him.

### **Telling Others**

As soon as the man who was healed heard that it was Jesus Who had made him well, he told other people about Him. He was so glad that he was well that he wanted everybody to know about the One Who could heal them. We are glad that somebody told us about Jesus and His power to save us from all our sins and to heal us when we are sick. We want to be faithful and tell others about Him. It is sad that there are so many people who do not seem to know about Jesus and His love.

## **QUESTIONS**

1. What did Jesus say to the man at the pool of Bethesda? John 5:8.
2. Did the sick man obey the command? John 5:9.
3. Did he know Who Jesus was? John 5:13.
4. What did Jesus do for this man when He found him in the Temple? John 5:14.
5. What is more important to us, healing or salvation? Mark 8:36, 37; Matthew 6:33.

## LESSON RESOURCES

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# There Is Power In The Blood

WATCH AND PRAY 36



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**SONG**

# **There Is Power In The Blood**

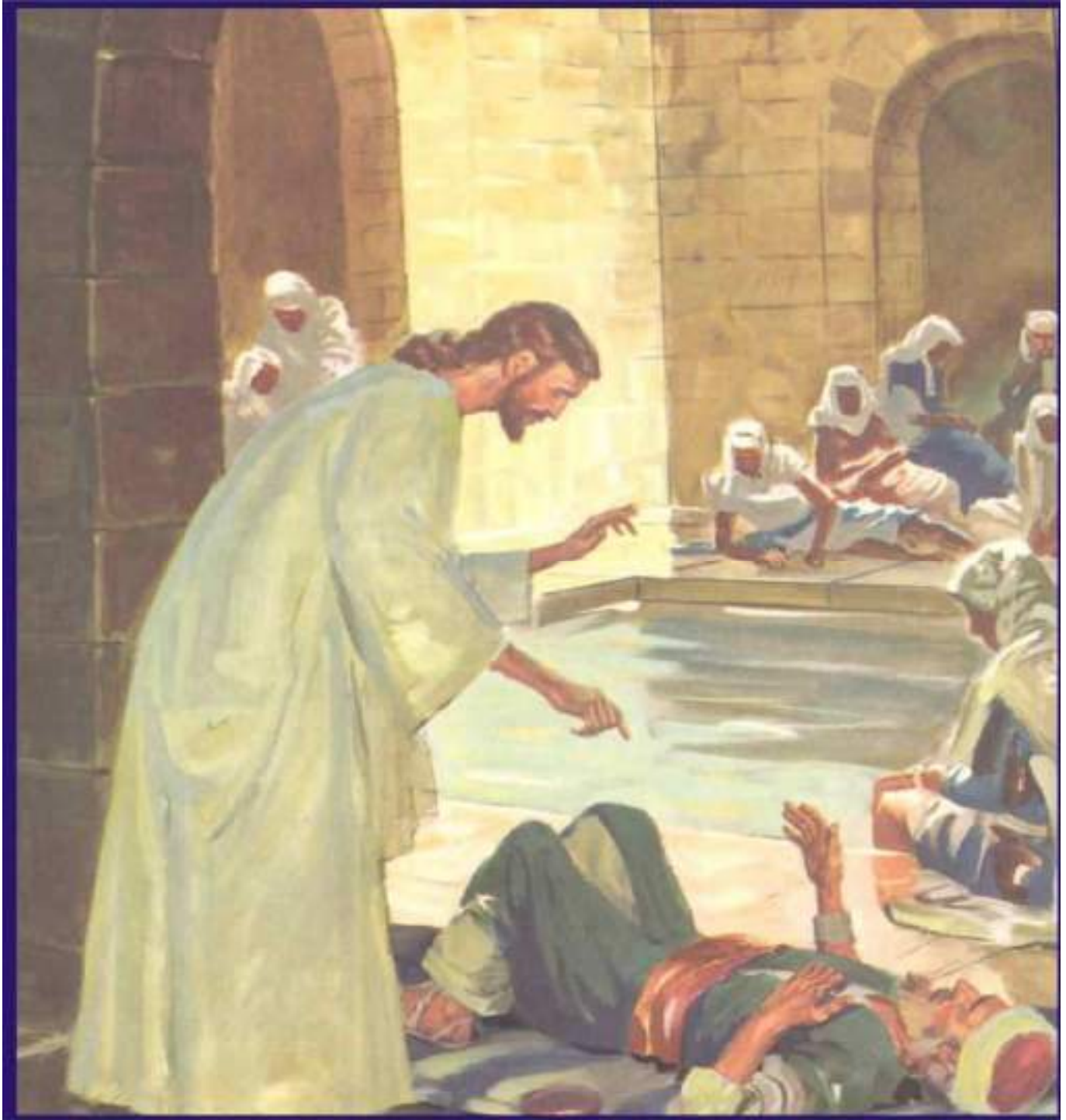
**There is power in the blood, this I know**

**'Tis a healing, cleansing flood, this I  
know,**

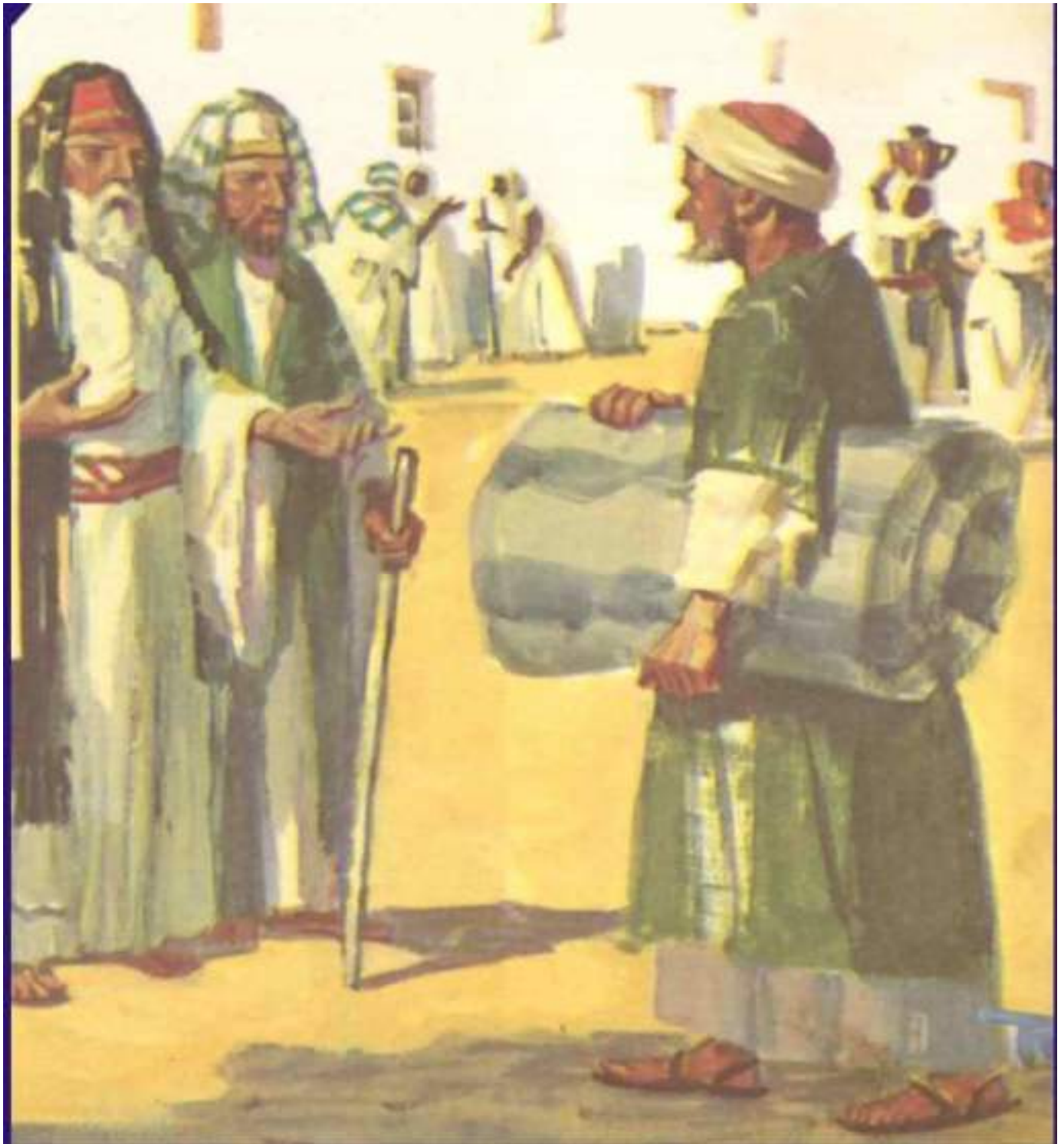
**I am trusting, I am free,**

**In the stream that flows from Calvary.**

**PICTURE 1**



PICTURE 2



**PICTURE 3**

