**The Miracle at Bethesda   
John 5:1-18**

1. The miracle ***performed*** (vv. 1-13)
   1. Jesus ***saw*** the one who ***felt*** ***invisible*** (vv. 1-7)
   2. Jesus ***spoke*** a powerful ***word*** (v. 6-13)
2. The miracle’s ***purpose*** (vv. 14-18)
   1. Jesus ***proved*** that He is ***Lord*** of ***Salvation*** (vv. 14-15)
   2. Jesus ***proved*** that He is ***Lord*** of the ***Sabbath.*** (vv. 15-16)
   3. Jesus ***proved*** that He is the ***Son*** of ***God*** (vv. 17-18)

***After this, a Jewish festival took place, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. 2By the Sheep Gate in Jerusalem there is a pool, called Bethesda in Aramaic, which has five colonnades. 3Within these lay a large number of the disabled—blind, lame, and paralyzed.***

***5One man was there who had been disabled for thirty-eight years. 6When Jesus saw him lying there and realized he had already been there a long time, he said to him, “Do you want to get well?”***

***7“Sir,” the disabled man answered, “I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up, but while I’m coming, someone goes down ahead of me.”***

***8“Get up,” Jesus told him, “pick up your mat and walk.” 9Instantly the man got well, picked up his mat, and started to walk.***

***Now that day was the Sabbath, 10and so the Jews said to the man who had been healed, “This is the Sabbath. The law prohibits you from picking up your mat.”***

***11He replied, “The man who made me well told me, ‘Pick up your mat and walk.’ ”***

***12“Who is this man who told you, ‘Pick up your mat and walk’?” they asked. 13But the man who was healed did not know who it was, because Jesus had slipped away into the crowd that was there.***

***14After this, Jesus found him in the temple and said to him, “See, you are well. Do not sin anymore, so that something worse doesn’t happen to you.” 15The man went and reported to the Jews that it was Jesus who had made him well. 16Therefore, the Jews began persecuting Jesus because he was doing these things on the Sabbath.***

***17Jesus responded to them, “My Father is still working, and I am working also.” 18This is why the Jews began trying 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 to God.***