

## **Life of Christ- Do You Wish to Get Well?**

*John 5:1-18*

### Introduction:

1. This begins the Period of Controversy in the book of John
2. The Sabbath increasingly becomes a main occasion for controversy in Jesus' Ministry.

### Discussion:

#### **I. Do You Wish to Get Well?**

##### A. The Feast?

1. Could be the Passover, Feast of Purim, or Feast of trumpets
2. If it is the Passover then Jesus ministry was 3 ½ years, if not then 2 ½ years.
3. Feasts are holy convocations of the Lord where no labor is to be done (Leviticus 23:7)

##### B. Jesus asks the question

1. The man was ill for 38 years, it seems like Jesus choose the man who was the most hopeless and full of excuses.
2. The question may reveal something about the man; he may not have wanted to get well.
3. Spiritual Munchausen disease, sin is easier and more enjoyable than living a righteous life.

##### C. Making excuses for not being well

1. He did not realize who Jesus was or we may have a different answer. Maybe Jesus did not reveal who He was for a reason; He wanted the man to answer truthfully.
2. Nobody will help me- blaming others for his situation.
3. Others get there before me- others have better opportunity than me.

#### **II. Work on the Sabbath, may it never be!**

##### A. Now it was on the Sabbath

1. It seems as if Jesus is continually and purposefully doing things on the Sabbath.
2. The Jews did not care that he had just been healed but they care that it was done on the Sabbath; when they should have been overjoyed of the man's healing.
3. They have no love for people; they cared more about the Sabbath than mercy.

##### B. It was never really about the Sabbath

1. They were worried about losing their perverse grip on people (John 11:47).
2. They cared more about their status that they were willing to condemn, what was innocent.
3. They circumcised on the Sabbath and lift their sheep out of a ditch (Jn. 9:16; Mat. 12:9-22)

#### **III. The Search for Jesus, avails not...**

##### A. Who is this man who said, "Pick up your pallet and walk?"

1. Jesus did not tell the man who He was; He showed Him what He could do.
2. The man recognized that the same person who told him to get up and walk was the same one who healed him. That man, whomever He was, had the power to heal Him.
3. Jesus found him in the temple and said do not sin anymore, so that nothing worse happens to you. What is worse than physical lameness, Spiritual lameness...
4. Jesus not only helped the man physically but gave him advice for his spiritual life as well.

##### B. This sign, once again, should have proved who Jesus is but they did not like the conclusion

1. When Jesus calls God His Father, He is claiming His same nature.
2. *Isos*- equal, being the same in quantity, size, degree, value, or status; having the same ability.
3. They understood the claim He just made, and tried killing Him for it.

### Conclusion:

1. We need to be in a constant state of asking ourselves the question, "Do we want to be made well?"
2. We need to not allow commands of God to go too far and make laws that were never intended (2 John 9).
3. Jesus was God in the flesh and He came to show us the works of the Father by doing them Himself. Jesus brought grace upon grace and we need to be willing to see the signs and accept His will as our own.