

THE WORD BECAME FLESH

The Book of John

Lesson 5

The Feast in Jerusalem

John 5

REFLECTION

Review John 4. What was meaningful to you as you reflected on Jesus and His interaction with the Samaritans? How are you going to imitate what Jesus did with those around you?

FOCUS VERSE

Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My Word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life (John 5:24).

SECTION 1 – Jesus Goes to a Feast in Jerusalem

Read John 5:1-16.

This chapter begins the second section which focuses on the growing opposition and persecution of Jesus as He works miracles and signs. Many people begin to believe and follow Him. As Jesus works, the religious leaders plot and plan to kill Him.

1. By what gate did Jesus enter Jerusalem (vv. 1, 2)? _____¹
What was at the gate? _____²
2. What did Jesus see as He looked at the pool (v. 3)? _____

Why were the people laying there? _____
3. What were they waiting for (v. 4)? _____
4. Who did Jesus see out of the crowd? (vv. 5, 6)? _____
What was his problem and how long had he been there? _____

What did Jesus ask the sick man? _____

¹ Sheep Gate: One of the 12 gates to the city of Jerusalem, this one was used to bring the sheep through for sacrifice.

² Bethesda: house of kindness.

5. How did the sick man respond to Him (v. 7)? _____

What was the crippled man putting his trust in? _____

PERSONAL

What are you putting your trust in? What may be keeping you spiritually crippled? _____

What is Jesus saying to you today? _____

Relate this statement to your life. In what area has Jesus said to you *arise take up your bed and walk*?

6. What did Jesus command him to do (v. 8)? _____

7. Describe the miracle (v. 9a)? _____

8. What day of the week was it (vv. 9b-10)? _____³

Why is this significant? _____

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What were the God ordained Old Testament principles of the Sabbath?

Exodus 20:8-11 _____

Exodus 31:12-17 _____

³ Sabbath: the day of solemn rest and holy worship observed by the Jews.

Leviticus 23:3 _____

Deuteronomy 5:12-15 _____

Was Jesus was in violation of the Sabbath law? Why or why not (Mark 2:27, 28)? _____

Write verse 28. _____

9. How did the Jews react to the healed man? (John 5:10-13)? _____

Where was Jesus? _____

10. What did Jesus again do for this man (vv. 14, 15)? _____

How did Jesus address the real need of this man? _____

What did the man do? _____

11. What were the results of this healing (v. 16)? _____

PERSONAL

Why do you think Jesus chose to heal the man on the Sabbath? How will this affect your life?

SECTION 2 – Honor the Father and the Son

Read John 5:17-23.

1. How did Jesus respond to the plots and plans of the Jews (v. 17)? _____

2. Who is Jesus' Father (v. 18)? _____
Why would these words of Jesus cause more harm to His case than good? _____

3. In what ways was Jesus submitted to the Father (v. 19)? _____

LOOK DEEPER

What repeated phrase did Jesus use to gather the attention of His audience (John 5:19, 24, 25)?

4. What is the Father and Son relationship based on (John 5:20)? _____
5. What do both the Father and Son give (v. 21)? _____
6. What has the Father committed to the Son (vv. 22, 23)? _____
What is owed to the Son in return? _____
Why? _____

LOOK DEEPER

What was Jesus' instruction to the religious leaders (John 5:23, 14:6, I John 2:23)? _____

PERSONAL

How are you dishonoring the Son of God? _____

How will you honor Him? _____

SECTION 3 – Life and Judgment Belong to Jesus

Read John 5:24-30.

1. What two actions are required to inherit everlasting life (v. 24)?
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
- What are the benefits? _____

LOOK DEEPER

Compare John 5:25, 26 with Ephesians 2:1-3 and Colossians 2:13. Who are the dead? What will they hear? What will they receive from the Son of God?

2. What are the two resurrections⁴ that Jesus speaks of (John 5:28, 29)? _____

 3. Why is Jesus judgment righteous (v. 30)? _____

- What does this tell you about Jesus? _____

PERSONAL

How do these Scriptures give you hope and peace? _____

⁴ two resurrections: the righteous will resurrect to eternal life, the unrighteous to eternal damnation.

SECTION 4 – The Four-fold Witness of Jesus

Read John 5:31-47.

1. Who does Jesus say is the first witness (vv. 31-34)? _____
What does he bear witness to? _____
Why does Jesus say these things (v. 34)? _____
2. What does Jesus call John the Baptist (v. 35)? _____
What were they willing to do? _____

LOOK DEEPER

What other names and phrases are used to describe John the Baptist?

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| Matthew 3:1 _____ | Matthew 11:9 _____ |
| Matthew 11:10 _____ | Matthew 11:11 _____ |
| Mark 6:16 _____ | Luke 1:13 _____ |
| Luke 1:76 _____ | Luke 1:80 _____ |
| John 1:23 _____ | John 3:26 _____ |
| John 3:29 _____ | |

3. What is Jesus' second and greater witness (John 5:36)? _____

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What are the works that bear witness to Jesus (Acts 2:22)? _____

4. Who is the third witness (John 5:37)? _____
5. What is the reason that Jesus says this witness is not accepted (vv. 37b-38)? _____

LOOK DEEPER

Who was the Word and what did He do (John 1:1, 14)? _____

Why did these Jews not recognize that Jesus was the Son of God? _____

PERSONAL

Does the Word abide⁵ in you? How do you know? _____

6. Why does Jesus say these leaders search the Scripture (John 5:39)? _____

Who is the final witness? _____

Who do the Scriptures testify of? _____

7. Summarize how it is possible to study the Scriptures and not know Jesus (vv. 40-47)? _____

PERSONAL

How has your approach to the Scriptures and Bible study become mechanical or like the Pharisees?

⁵ abide: stay, continue, dwell, endure be present, remain. John 15:1-8.

PERSONAL

God's attributes⁶ are revealed throughout this chapter, which attribute helps you most? Why?

*I do not seek My own will
but the will of the Father who sent Me.*
John 5:30b

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⁶ attributes: quality or characteristic.