



MONDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

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John 5: JESUS – HEALER, JUDGE, & VERIFIED SON OF GOD

Introductory Statement: In this Gospel John, son of Thunder, original member of JESUS' disciples, the one whom JESUS loved, apostle to the world, and recipient of apocalyptic visions presents JESUS as the Son of GOD. He emphasizes our LORD's divinity to all who would read his good-news account of JESUS. In this chapter John shares the 3rd miraculous occurrence, as presented in this gospel, and shares the LORD's status as the Righteous Judge and verified Son of GOD, which was understood by the Jewish community at that time to declare JESUS as GOD.

Objectives:

Following this study we should be able to...

- *Understand the setting of events in this chapter?*
- *Identify the ways in which JESUS shared HIMself as SON of GOD...i.e. GOD?*
- *Gain insight into the significance and purpose of the Sabbath?*
- *Identify Grace in Action?*
- *Examine the 4-points verification of JESUS' Identity?*

THE SETTING

- Location: Jerusalem
 - Pool of Bethesda – Beth Hesda - House of Mercy / Grace



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- Occasion: Feast (which one? Uncertainty – Deuteronomy 16:16 NKJV)
¹⁶ “Three times a year all your males shall appear before the LORD your God in the place which He chooses: at the Feast of Unleavened Bread, at the Feast of Weeks, and at the Feast of Tabernacles; and they shall not appear before the LORD empty-handed.

- Third Miracle in John’s Gospel
 - Miracle #1 – JESUS turns water into Wine *John 2:1-11*
 - Miracle #2 – JESUS heals an official’s son *John 4:46-54*
 - Miracle #3 – JESUS heals a sick man at Pool of Bethesda *John 5:1-15*

- Characters
 - Un-named Man – sick 38 years, more years than JESUS earthly age
 - JESUS – Son of God; Healer
 - Jewish Leaders (probably Pharisees) – exalted Tradition of Elders
 - Angel – periodic visitation
 - Sick Individuals – blind, lame, paralyzed

THE HEALING

- John 5:1-15 (NKJV)
^{5:1}After this there was a feast of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ² Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate a pool, which is called in Hebrew, Bethesda, having five porches. ³ In these lay a great multitude of sick people, blind, lame, paralyzed, waiting for the moving of the water. ⁴ For an angel went down at a certain time into the pool and stirred up the water; then whoever stepped in first, after the stirring of the water, was made well of whatever disease he had. ⁵ Now a certain man was there who had an infirmity thirty-eight years.



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⁶When Jesus saw him lying there, and knew that he already had been *in that condition* a long time, He said to him, “Do you want to be made well?” ⁷The sick man answered Him, “Sir, I have no man to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; but while I am coming, another steps down before me.” ⁸Jesus said to him, “Rise, take up your bed and walk.” ⁹And immediately the man was made well, took up his bed, and walked. And that day was the Sabbath. ¹⁰The Jews therefore said to him who was cured, “It is the Sabbath; it is not lawful for you to carry your bed.” ¹¹He answered them, “He who made me well said to me, ‘Take up your bed and walk.’” ¹²Then they asked him, “Who is the Man who said to you, ‘Take up your bed and walk’?” ¹³But the one who was healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had withdrawn, a multitude being in *that* place. ¹⁴Afterward Jesus found him in the temple, and said to him, “See, you have been made well. Sin no more, lest a worse thing come upon you.” ¹⁵The man departed and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had made him well.

- JESUS Initiated Conversation
 - Question: Do you want to be made well?
 - Man’s Response: I am not able
 - JESUS’ Final Answer: Get Up, Take Your Mat, and Go
 - JESUS was not limited to circumstances (angels stirring of water)
 - The Man did not ask to be healed
- JESUS Demonstrated Grace and Mercy at the ‘Place of Grace’
 - According to the Law, the Man did not deserve to be healed
 - Romans 6:23
^{6:23} For the wages of sin *is* death, but the gift of God *is* eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.
 - John 5:14



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- JESUS Exercised Sovereign Will in deciding to heal the man...to promote the purposes of GOD
- JESUS Provided Insight Into the True Purpose of the Sabbath
 - John 5:16-18 (NKJV) – Jews wanted to kill JESUS (Pharisees)
¹⁶ For this reason the Jews persecuted Jesus, and sought to kill Him, because He had done these things on the Sabbath. ¹⁷ But Jesus answered them, “My Father has been working until now, and I have been working.”¹⁸ Therefore the Jews sought all the more to kill Him, because He not only broke the Sabbath, but also said that God was His Father, making Himself equal with God.
 - Mark 2:27-28 (NLT) – The Sabbath was instituted for man’s benefit
²⁷ Then Jesus said to them, “The Sabbath was made to meet the needs of people, and not people to meet the requirements of the Sabbath. Therefore the Son of Man is also Lord of the Sabbath
 - Exodus 20:8-11 (NKJV) – Hebrew – Melakah’ (work, occupation, business)
^{20:8} “Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. ⁹ Six days you shall labor and do all your work, ¹⁰ but the seventh day *is* the Sabbath of the LORD your God. *In it* you shall do no work: you, nor your son, nor your daughter, nor your male servant, nor your female servant, nor your cattle, nor your stranger who *is* within your gates. ¹¹ For *in* six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that *is* in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and hallowed it.
 - Genesis 2:2-3 (NLT) – A separate, unique, distinct day
^{2:2} On the seventh day God had finished his work of creation, so he rested from all his work. ³ And God blessed the seventh day and declared it holy, because it was the day when he rested from all his work of creation.



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- Nehemiah 13: 15-22 (NLT) – Example of Violating / Profaning the Sabbath
^{13:15} In those days I saw men of Judah treading out their winepresses on the Sabbath. They were also bringing in grain, loading it on donkeys, and bringing their wine, grapes, figs, and all sorts of produce to Jerusalem to sell on the Sabbath. So I rebuked them for selling their produce on that day. ¹⁶ Some men from Tyre, who lived in Jerusalem, were bringing in fish and all kinds of merchandise. They were selling it on the Sabbath to the people of Judah—and in Jerusalem at that! ¹⁷ So I confronted the nobles of Judah. “Why are you profaning the Sabbath in this evil way?” I asked. ¹⁸ “Wasn’t it just this sort of thing that your ancestors did that caused our God to bring all this trouble upon us and our city? Now you are bringing even more wrath upon Israel by permitting the Sabbath to be desecrated in this way!” ¹⁹ Then I commanded that the gates of Jerusalem should be shut as darkness fell every Friday evening, not to be opened until the Sabbath ended. I sent some of my own servants to guard the gates so that no merchandise could be brought in on the Sabbath day. ²⁰ The merchants and tradesmen with a variety of wares camped outside Jerusalem once or twice. ²¹ But I spoke sharply to them and said, “What are you doing out here, camping around the wall? If you do this again, I will arrest you!” And that was the last time they came on the Sabbath. ²² Then I commanded the Levites to purify themselves and to guard the gates in order to preserve the holiness of the Sabbath.

THE UNITY (FATHER-SON)

- JESUS Expressed Complete Unity with the FATHER
- John 5:19-23 (NKJV)
^{5:19-23} Then Jesus answered and said to them, “Most assuredly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, but what He sees the Father do; for whatever He does, the Son also does in like manner. ²⁰ For the



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Father loves the Son, and shows Him all things that He Himself does; and He will show Him greater works than these, that you may marvel.
²¹ For as the Father raises the dead and gives life to *them*, even so the Son gives life to whom He will.

THE JUDGMENT

- JESUS Identified HIMself as Judge
- John 5:22-30
^{5:22} For the Father judges no one, but has committed all judgment to the Son, ²³ that all should honor the Son just as they honor the Father. **He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent Him.** ²⁴ “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.” ²⁵ Most assuredly, I say to you, the hour is coming, and now is, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God; and those who hear will live. ²⁶ For as the Father has life in Himself, so He has granted the Son to have life in Himself, ²⁷ and has given Him authority to execute judgment also, because He is the Son of Man. ²⁸ Do not marvel at this; for the hour is coming in which all who are in the graves will hear His voice ²⁹ and come forth—those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of condemnation. ³⁰ I can of Myself do nothing. As I hear, I judge; and My judgment is righteous, because I do not seek My own will but the will of the Father who sent Me.
 - Judge - Hebrew – Krino (kree’no) – to decide, separate, distinguish, come to a choice
 - Even JESUS’ judgment was/is intertwined with the FATHER
 - Belief in JESUS has a promise of Eternal Life (John 3:16)



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- Everyone will be judged
 - True Believers in JESUS will not be judged in terms of eternal life or death
 - Romans 8:1,34 NLT
^{8:1}So now there is no condemnation for those who belong to Christ Jesus. ³⁴Who then will condemn us? No one—for Christ Jesus died for us and was raised to life for us, and he is sitting in the place of honor at God’s right hand, pleading for us.
 - 2 Corinthians 5:10 NKJV – (written to Believers; Judgment Seat of CHRIST)
^{5:10}For we must all stand before Christ to be judged. We will each receive whatever we deserve for the good or evil we have done in this earthly body.
 - Psalm 62:11-12 NLT
¹¹God has spoken plainly, and I have heard it many times: Power, O God, belongs to you; ¹²unfailing love, O Lord, is yours. Surely you repay all people according to what they have done.
 - Matthew 16:27 NKJV
²⁷For the Son of Man will come in the glory of His Father with His angels, and then He will reward each according to his works.
 - Non Believers in JESUS will be judged for eternal death
 - Revelation 20:11-12,15 NKJV
¹¹Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away. And there was found no place for them. ¹²And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is *the Book of Life*. And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the



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books. ¹⁵ And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire.

- We Must Choose Now

THE VERIFICATION

- JESUS is who HE is
- John 5:31-45 (NKJV)
 - ³¹ “If I bear witness of Myself, My witness is not true. ³² There is another who bears witness of Me, and I know that the witness which He witnesses of Me is true. ³³ You have sent to John, and he has borne witness to the truth. ³⁴ Yet I do not receive testimony from man, but I say these things that you may be saved. ³⁵ He was the burning and shining lamp, and you were willing for a time to rejoice in his light. ³⁶ But I have a greater witness than John’s; for the works which the Father has given Me to finish—the very works that I do—bear witness of Me, that the Father has sent Me. ³⁷ And the Father Himself, who sent Me, has testified of Me. You have neither heard His voice at any time, nor seen His form. ³⁸ But you do not have His word abiding in you, because whom He sent, Him you do not believe. ³⁹ You search the Scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life; and these are they which testify of Me. ⁴⁰ But you are not willing to come to Me that you may have life. ⁴¹ “I do not receive honor from men. ⁴² But I know you, that you do not have the love of God in you. ⁴³ I have come in My Father’s name, and you do not receive Me; if another comes in his own name, him you will receive. ⁴⁴ How can you believe, who receive honor from one another, and do not seek the honor that *comes* from the only God? ⁴⁵ Do not think that I shall accuse you to the Father; there is *one* who accuses you—Moses, in whom you trust.



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- V-Point 1 – John The Baptizer (Baptist) testified of JESUS
- V-Point 2 – JESUS' Works vouch for HIM
- V-Point 3 – The Heavenly FATHER testified of JESUS
- V-Point 4 – The Scriptues point to JESUS

THE APPLICATION (Take-Away Points)

- JESUS Still Heals (toward a Greater Purpose)
 - Your Miracle Bears Witness that HE Is the SON of GOD
- It is Important to Observe a Sabbath - Rest
 - Make that day separate, unique, different
 - Cease from your own business and works
- Understand that JESUS is GOD
- Decide Now which Judgment you'll be in on that day