

Who is Jesus? The Gospel of John

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Do You Want to be Healed? (John 5:1-18)

1. Listening to Jesus' diagnosis (vv. 1-15)

2. Resting in Jesus' cure (vv. 16-18)

Getting Started:

1. What was helpful to you in this week's sermon? What didn't you understand?
2. What's the best question you've been asked in the past few weeks?

For Further Thought and Discussion:

3. Why were the multitudes gathered at the pool of Bethesda (vv. 2, 7)? Why did Jews come to this pool? Why did Gentiles? Why is it significant that John knows the details of this place so well?

4. Why do you think Jesus singles out this particular man (vv. 5-7)? What are we to make of Jesus' question to him (v. 6)? How does Jesus' statement to the man in verse 14 illuminate his initial question to the man?
5. Why does Jesus perform this action on the Sabbath (v. 9f)? How does Jesus respond to the Pharisees' opposition (v. 16)? What prerogatives and powers does Jesus claim for himself (v. 17; see also Genesis 2:2)? What is Jesus saying about his own identity?

Application:

6. Jeff asked a few application questions in the sermon; *"What is Jesus exposing that I'm ignoring?" "Am I more concerned about God changing my immediate circumstances, or God changing me?"* Which of these stood out to you? Why?
7. Because Jesus is always working on our behalf, we can rest. Jeff asked, *"Do I believe that Jesus is currently working on my behalf?"* In what area do you need to believe this? How would your life look different if you did?
8. What's one thing you can do this week to apply this passage?