

## Study note for 18 October 2020

**Theme: 3rd sign, Healing the man who had been an invalid for 38 years.**

Bible: John 5:1-15

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What have you learned from the signs that we have looked at so far? (The first sign, was when Jesus turned water into wine at the wedding. Last week we learnt about the second sign, the healing of important official's dying child.)

What is the significance of these signs? What is the purpose of these signs? Why did Jesus use these signs?

The sign is "semeion(σημεῖον)" in Greek, which means, "sign, miracle, indication, mark." So a sign is like a mark. It is like the signpost. It is the guidepost which guides us the right place. For instance, there is a sign outside our church. But the sign itself is not the church. Following the sign, we can find our church. As we study the signs from Jesus, we need to make sure that we are using them to guide us to the right place. More significantly, we need to understand that the signs guide us to meet our Lord Jesus. We need to understand why Jesus gives us the sign.

**Read John 20:31.** To find out the purpose of these signs.

**Read John 5:1.**

To find out about the feast of the Jews and why Jesus went up to Jerusalem?

**Read John 5:2.**

This will explain the meaning of the pool, Bethesda.

**Read John 5:3.**

Discuss who the disabled people were and why they were there.

How can this passage about the people relate to our own lives?

**Read John 5:4**

We have no manuscript of this passage in our NIV bible, but some versions have verse 4, which says, *"From time to time an angel of the Lord would come down and stir up the waters. The first one into the pool after each such disturbance would be cured of whatever disease they had."*

What do you think this means?

Why couldn't the invalid man get into the pool?

The man was troubled and in a despair. What would he need to have hope in his life?

**Read John 5:6-7.**

Do you think that the invalid man has hope and why?

**Read John 5:8**

What does this passage mean?

What happened to the man?

Was this a miracle? What would make it a miracle?

Share with others if you or others have had these kinds of miracles in your lives.

What did you learn from this passage today?

What does Jesus mean to you?

How can you live and work for Jesus and his people?

Finish by prayers.