



# The MIRACLE MAKER

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“The Man by the Pool”  
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Miracles **demonstrate** God’s power – **change** someone’s life – **teach** eternal truths.

- Changing water to wine: **trust and obey**.
- The healing of the man with leprosy: turn over your **secret sin**.
- The miraculous catch of fish: **cast your net** on the other side.
- The feeding of the 5,000: relish the **nourishment** of the Lord.

Today, we turn to a miracle only found in **John’s** Gospel – the healing of the **man by the pool**.

John 5:1-9

*Some time later, Jesus went up to Jerusalem for one of the Jewish festivals. Now there is in Jerusalem near the Sheep Gate a pool, which in Aramaic is called Bethesda and which is surrounded by five covered colonnades. Here a great number of disabled people used to lie—the blind, the lame, the paralyzed. One who was there had been an invalid for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him lying there and learned that he had been in this condition for a long time, he asked him, “Do you want to get well?”*

*“Sir,” the invalid replied, “I have no one to help me into the pool when the water is stirred. While I am trying to get in, someone else goes down ahead of me.”*

*Then Jesus said to him, “Get up! Pick up your mat and walk.” At once the man was cured; he picked up his mat and walked.*

God’s **power** is demonstrated – someone’s **life** is changed – eternal **truths** are taught.

**Pool or Jesus?**

Psalm 20:7

*Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the LORD our God.*

**Trust Jesus.**

Proverbs 3:5-6

*Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.*

**Proclaim Jesus.**

John 5:9-15

*The day on which this took place was a Sabbath, and so the Jewish leaders said to the man who had been healed, “It is the Sabbath; the law forbids you to carry your mat.”*

*But he replied, “The man who made me well said to me, ‘Pick up your mat and walk.’ ”*

*So they asked him, “Who is this fellow who told you to pick it up and walk?”*

*The man who was healed had no idea who it was, for Jesus had slipped away into the crowd that was there.*

*Later Jesus found him at the temple and said to him, “See, you are well again. Stop sinning or something worse may happen to you.” The man went away and told the Jewish leaders that it was Jesus who had made him well.*