

THE WAITING ROOM



After this there was a feast of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate a pool, in Aramaic called Bethesda, which has five roofed colonnades.

John 5:1-2

**In these lay a multitude of invalids
—blind, lame, and paralyzed. 5
One man was there who had been
an invalid for thirty-eight years.**

John 5:3-5

When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had already been there a long time, he said to him, “Do you want to be healed?”

John 5:6

The sick man answered him, “Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up, and while I am going another steps down before me.” Jesus said to him, “Get up, take up your bed, and walk.”

John 5:7-8

**And at once the man was healed,
and he took up his bed and
walked. Now that day was the
Sabbath. So the Jews said to the
man who had been healed, “It is
the Sabbath, and it is not lawful
for you to take up your bed.”**

John 5:9-10

But he answered them, “The man who healed me, that man said to me, ‘Take up your bed, and walk.’”
They asked him, “Who is the man who said to you, ‘Take up your bed and walk’?”

John 5:11-12

Now the man who had been healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had withdrawn, as there was a crowd in the place. Afterward Jesus found him in the temple and said to him, “See, you are well! Sin no more, that nothing worse may happen to you.”

John 5:13-14

**I wait for the Lord, my soul waits,
and in his word I hope; my soul
waits for the Lord more than
watchmen for the morning, more
than watchmen for the morning.**

Psalm 130:5-6