

FOLLOW THE SIGNS

Sign #3: Healing the Lame Man

John 5:1-15

The _____ of Jesus.

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You can trust that there is no _____ that Jesus won't enter.

You don't have to **find** Jesus - Jesus will **find** you!

The _____ of Jesus.

When Jesus *saw* him and *knew* he had been ill for a long time, he asked him, "Would you *like* to get well?" "I can't, sir," the sick man said, "for I have no one to put me into the pool when the *water bubbles up*. Someone else *always* gets there ahead of me." (John 5:6-7, NLT)

Jesus sees our _____ - "I *can't*, sir," the sick man said...

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The _____ of Jesus.

Jesus told him, "*Stand up, pick up* your mat, and *walk!*" Instantly, the man was *healed!* He rolled up his sleeping mat and began walking! (John 5:8-9, NLT)

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But this miracle happened on the *Sabbath*, so the Jewish leaders *objected*. They said to the man who was cured, "You can't work on the Sabbath! The *law* doesn't allow you to carry that sleeping mat!" But he replied, "The man who healed me *told me*, 'Pick up your mat and walk.'" "Who said such a thing as that?" they demanded. The man *didn't know*, for Jesus had disappeared into the crowd. (John 5:9-13, NLT)

When what is **best** for **people**
is no longer what's **most** important to **me**;
then I am at **odds** with **God**.

The _____ of Jesus.

But afterward Jesus found him in the Temple and told him, "Now you are well; so stop *sinning*, or something *even worse* may happen to you." (John 5:14, NLT)

There are some things **worse** than being crippled in life.

You can trust there is no _____ Jesus won't _____.

Then the man went and *told* the Jewish leaders that it was *Jesus* who had healed him. (John 5:15, NLT)

Not even Jesus can _____ someone who refuses to be _____.

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The **Compassion** of Jesus.

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Jesus sees our **excuses** - "I *can't*, sir," the sick man said...

Jesus sees our **efforts** - "I *can't*, sir," the sick man said, "for I have *no one to put me into the pool...*"

Jesus sees our **expectations** - "when the *water bubbles up*. Someone else *always* gets there ahead of me."

You can trust that there is no one Jesus won't understand.

The **Instructions** of Jesus.

Jesus told him, "*Stand up, pick up your mat, and walk!*" Instantly, the man was *healed*! He rolled up his sleeping mat and began walking! (John 5:8-9, NLT)

You can trust there is no restraint Jesus won't remove.

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The **Intention** of Jesus.

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You can trust there is no obstacle Jesus won't expose.

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Not even Jesus can help someone who refuses to be helped.