

Lent Sermon Series
Sermon Notes
One on One with Jesus
An Encounter with the Living Christ

Sunday, March 11, 2012

“Places to go and People to See”
Jesus and the sick man

This man had been ill for _____ years.

“When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had been there a long time, he said to him, ‘_____?’”

Jesus told the man to “_____.”

“Later Jesus found him in the temple and said to him, ‘See, you have been made well! _____, so that nothing worse happens to you.’”

It is interesting, that at the beginning of this story, we read that the man is sick and by the pool. Now we read that he is in the temple. What could this tell us of how the man’s life was changed?

All of the sudden the man had _____ to go and _____ to see.

The religious leaders were angry at Jesus because he healed the man on the _____.

A One on One encounter with Jesus can change everything!

John 5: 1-18 (NRSV)

After this there was a festival of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

Now in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate there is a pool, called in Hebrew Beth-zatha, which has five porticoes. In these lay many invalids—blind, lame, and paralyzed. One man was there who had been ill for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had been there a long time, he said to him, “Do you want to be made well?” 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 making my way, someone else steps down ahead of me.” Jesus said to him, “Stand up, take your mat and walk.” At once the man was made well, and he took up his mat and began to walk.

Now that day was a Sabbath. So the Jews said to the man who had been cured, “It is the Sabbath; it is not lawful for you to carry your mat.” But he answered them, “The man who made me well said to me, ‘Take up your mat and walk.’” They asked him, “Who is the man who said to you, ‘Take it up and walk’?” Now the man who had been healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had disappeared in the crowd that was there. Later Jesus found him in the temple and said to him, “See, you have been made well! Do not sin any more, so that nothing worse happens to you.” The man went away and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had made him well. Therefore the Jews started persecuting Jesus, because he was doing such things on the Sabbath. But Jesus answered them, “My Father is still working, and I also am working.” For this reason the Jews were seeking all the more to kill him, because he was not only breaking the Sabbath, but was also calling God his own Father, thereby making himself equal to God.

