

# Evening Lesson

## BETHESDA AND THE SANHEDRIN

John 5:8-16

### INTRO:

1. Jesus was back in Jerusalem for another feast.
2. The spring by which these people lay was noted for its apparent curative powers.
3. It would make sense that Jesus would be drawn to this place in his desire to help people and confirm his deity.

### I. THE HEALING. VV. 1-9

- A. Jesus saw a sad example of humanity -- impotent and helpless. vv. 5, 6
- B. He had been that way so long that hope was apparently gone. v. 7
- C. Christ was moved by his sad condition.
- D. "Rise, take up your bed and walk." v. 8
- E. This was the voice of divinity. v. 8

### II. THE CHALLENGE. VV. 10-18

- A. Why are you carrying your bed on the Sabbath? v. 10
- B. Could not identify his healer. vv. 11-13
- C. Why did he later tell the Jews who he was? vv. 14-16

### III. THE RESPONSE. VV. 17-47

- A. A powerful principle of Christianity. V. 19
- B. An amazing discourse.
  1. Everything fit together so well.
  2. Every objection was addressed.
  3. Apparently they did not interrupt him -- probably because they were spellbound by the depth and directness of his words.

### CONC:

1. It is amazing after this that they could continue with their plans to kill him.
  2. Jesus uncovered the problem in v. 39
  3. They knew the scriptures, but they did not know the scriptures.
  4. Scriptural knowledge seen only in the light of tradition will not produce the wisdom from above that we need to navigate the river of life, nor will it free us from the tyranny of sin.
- John 8:32**