

***“Sin No More”***  
***John 5:10-16***

**Introduction:**

1. Let's Open Our Bibles Back Up:
  - To John 5 This Morning:
    - Where - Through John's Pen:
      - We Witnessed Another:
        - Miracle Of Healing:
          - By The Lord Jesus Christ!
  - The Healing Of:
    - An Impotent Man:
      - At The Pools Of Bethesda:
        - In Jerusalem!
2. And - Even Though:
  - We Saw The:
    - Great Compassion *Of* Jesus:
      - As Well As The:
        - Great Change Of That Man:
          - *By* Jesus!
  - The Scene Was Also Set:
    - For A Great Conflict *Against* Jesus!
      - In 5:9 - Where John Tells Us That:
        - “Immediately the man was made whole, and took up his bed, and walked: and on the same day was the sabbath!”
3. Now - The “Sabbath” Day:
  - Was Supposed To Be A Day Of:
    - Physical Rest & Spiritual Refreshment!
      - “Sabbath” - Means - “Rest!”
  - And - This Day Of Rest:
    - Was To Be Observed By The Jewish People:
      - Weekly - Every Seventh Day!
        - Which Would Extend From Sundown On Friday To Sundown On Saturday!
4. And - All Because Jesus Did This:
  - Work Of Healing On *A Sabbath*:
    - John Tells Us What Happens Next:
      - In 5:10-16 - “The Jews therefore said unto him that was cured, It is the sabbath day: it is not lawful for thee to carry thy bed. / He answered them, He that made me whole, the same said unto me, Take up thy bed, and walk. / Then asked they him, What man is that which said unto thee, Take up thy bed, and walk? / And he that was healed wist not who it was: for Jesus had conveyed himself away, a multitude being in that place. / Afterward Jesus findeth him in the temple, and said unto him, Behold, thou art made whole: sin no more, lest a worse thing come unto thee. / The man departed, and told the Jews that it was Jesus, which had made him whole. / And therefore did the Jews persecute Jesus, and sought to slay him, because he had done these things on the sabbath day!”
5. What We Just Read:
  - In These Verses:
    - Are Two Radically Different:
      - Responses To:
        - Jesus' Miracle Of Healing!
    - And These Two Responses:
      - Are Based On:
        - Two Totally Different:
          - Perspectives - Even About:
            - The Same Event!
- **IE:** And - This Isn't Something Unfamiliar To Us! When Working In The Banking Industry - I Was Present For 5 Different Robberies! Thankfully, None Of Them Brought About Any Physical Harm! But - Whenever The Police Came To Question Us About The Suspects - Most Of The Time - Everyone Had A Different Perspective About

What Happened! Though We All Witnessed The Same Event - We Were Looking At It With Different Eyes & From Different Angles! The Job Of The Detectives - Was To Put All Those Perspectives Together - To Determine Exactly What Happened!

- Well - The Two Perspectives That We Find In These Verses In John 5 - Had Nothing To Do With:
  - The Angles Or The Eyes Of The Witnesses!
  - It Had Everything To Do:
    - With Their Hearts!

6. And So - As We Look:

- A Bit More Closely:
  - Into The Story We Just Read:
  - I'd First Like Us To See:

### 1. *The Response Of The Leaders To Jesus!*

- The Response Of:
  - The Jewish Leaders:
    - There In Jerusalem:
      - To This Miracle Of Jesus!
    - And - In 5:10 - John First Tells Us About:
  - Their Main Challenge:
    - To The Man Who Experienced The Miracle!
      - Because - As The Man:
        - Was Walking Along With His Mat In His Arms - They Saw Him Doing So:
          - Not Far From The Gates Into The Temple!
    - 5:10 - "The Jews therefore said unto him that was cured, It is the sabbath day: it is not lawful for thee to carry thy bed!"
      - These Men Probably Had No Idea - At This Point:
        - That A Healing Miracle Had Just Taken Place!
          - But - They Were Vigilant To Make Sure The "Laws Of The Sabbath" Would Not Be Violated!
    - According The Law Of God:
      - Given To Moses In Exodus 20:10:
        - They Were Told To - "Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. / Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work: / But the seventh day is the sabbath of the LORD thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work!"
    - Now - This Law Was Given To Them:
      - Over 1500 Years Before!
        - And - For Many Years:
          - The Jewish People Had Failed To Obey God's Commands:
            - And Especially This Fourth Commandment!
      - And - Because Of Their Disobedience:
        - God Had Judged Them & Their People:
          - Many Times:
            - Including Captivity & Exile In Foreign Lands!
          - And - By This Time:
            - The Jewish Leaders Did Not Want To Experience That Kind Of Judgment:
              - Ever Again!
        - So - They Started To Develop:
          - Rules & Regulations:
            - To Help Them Keep God's Commandments:
              - In As Strict A Way As Possible!
                - **IE:** Like The Rules & Regulations Of Any Government Bureaucracy!
        - And - When It Came To:
          - This Fourth Commandment - About "Remembering The Sabbath" - They Took It Upon Themselves To Define:
            - "Work!"
        - They Came Up With Some 39 Articles:
          - By Which You Might Know:
            - If You Were "Working" And Violating The Sabbath!

- And - In Doing So:
  - They Added To God's Law:
    - Things He Never Intended!
  - They Took What God Meant:
    - For Their Good - For Their Physical Rest And Spiritual Refreshment:
      - And - Made It Into An Exhausting Work Itself!
- And - This Was The Basis Of Their Challenge!
  - They Saw The Man "Working!"
    - And That Was Enough For Those Religious Regulators:
      - To Pronounce Him Guilty!
  - But - After The Man's Honest Reply:
    - To Their Challenge In 5:11:
      - We Then See:
- Their Main Concern!
  - The Difference Between:
    - Verses 11 & 12 Is Very Telling!
  - In 5:11 - The Man Answered:
    - "He that made me whole, the same said unto me, Take up thy bed, and walk!"
  - But - In 5:12 - They Asked Him:
    - What man is that which said unto thee, Take up thy bed, and walk?"
  - The Man Just Told Them:
    - That He Had Experienced:
      - A Great Wonder! A Miracle! That:
        - He Was "Made Whole!"
    - But - All They Were Concerned About:
      - Was Their Rules & Regulations!
  - What Jesus Would Say:
    - In Matthew 23:23 Was So True:
      - They Were Willing To "Pay tithes of mint and anise and cummin" - But - They "Omitted the weightier matters of the law, judgment, mercy, and faith!"
  - They Weren't Concerned At All:
    - About **Why**:
      - The Man Was Carrying:
        - His Bed / Mat! Or!
    - About **What**:
      - Had Just Happened To:
        - That Man! Or Even:
    - About **Who**:
      - The Healed Or Healer:
        - Actually Were!
  - All They Cared About Was:
    - **When** He Was Doing This:
      - Egregious Act!
        - On The "**Sabbath!**"
          - And - This Led To:
- Their Main Conflict:
  - That John Tells Us About:
    - In 5:16 - "And therefore did the Jews persecute Jesus, and sought to slay him, because he had done these things on the sabbath day!"
  - So - Those Jewish Leaders:
    - Chose - From That Day Forward:
      - To Resist & Reject Jesus:
        - And His Ministry!
  - They Would Resist Him:
    - With Every Chance They Got!
      - And - This Is What We Will See:
        - Through The Rest Of The Gospel Of John!
    - They Would Do Whatever They Could:

- To Get In His Way!
  - Persecuting & Pursuing Jesus:
    - Wherever He Went!
    - But Also:
- They Would Reject Him:
  - And Seek To Kill Him!
    - Because He Dared To Cross:
      - Their Line Of Authority & Tradition!
- Sadly - The Same Thing Happens Today!
  - The Work Of God:
    - Is A Good Work!
      - And - Works Of Necessity & Mercy:
        - Were Always Allowed & Encouraged On The Sabbath!
  - But - Whenever God's Work:
    - Interferes With:
      - The World's Timing & Purposes:
        - It Will Be Resisted & Rejected:
          - All The Same!
      - **IE:** Seen In So Many Recent Religious Liberty Cases! Christians Are Told To Keep Their Faith To Themselves! To Exercise Their Faith In Their Own Churches & Homes & Nowhere Else! To Do It On Their Own Time! In Effect - This Is What The Jews Were Saying To Jesus!
  - And So - When It Came To:
    - The Response Of These Leaders To Jesus:
      - They Despised:
        - The Riches Of His Goodness & Forbearance & Longsuffering! (Romans 2:4)
      - They Despised His Goodness:
        - To That Man:
          - In His Physical Need! And:
      - They Even Despised His Goodness:
        - To Them:
          - By Showing Them:
            - The True Purpose For Their Sabbath!
      - As Jesus Would Say:
        - In Mark 2:27 - "The sabbath was made for man, and not man for the sabbath!"
    - Is This How You Respond:
      - To The Goodness & The Grace:
        - Of Jesus Christ:
          - In Your Life? In Other's Lives?
      - The Greatest Display:
        - Of His Goodness & Grace:
          - Was His Life & Death & Resurrection!
      - If You Don't **Receive:**
        - His Grace - In The Gospel:
          - You Too Despise:
            - His Goodness! But:
      - If You Don't **Reflect:**
        - His Grace - In The Gospel:
          - You Despise His Goodness:
            - As Well!
    - This Is How Those Jewish Leaders:
      - Responded To Jesus!
        - Don't Make The Same Mistake!
          - Do Not Despise The Grace & The Goodness Of God!

\* But Then - Second - We Can Also See:

2. **The Response To The Leading Of Jesus!**
  - The Response Of:
    - That Formerly Impotent Man:

- Who Was Healed:
  - By This Miracle Of Jesus!
- And - His Physical Healing:
  - Is Something That John Highlights For Us:
    - Over & Over Again:
      - In These Verses!
  - In 5:10 - John Calls The Man:
    - “Him That Was Cured!”
  - In 5:13 - John Calls The Man:
    - “He That Was Healed!”
  - And Then - In 5:11 & 14 & 15:
    - The Same Word “Whole” Is Used:
      - By Both The Man & Jesus!
- The Point Is:
  - The Man Personally Experienced:
    - The Goodness Of God:
      - In This Miracle By Jesus!
  - And - He Was:
    - Fully Healed!
      - But - How Would He Respond?
- Now - At First:
  - It Is Kind Of Hard:
    - To Know How To Take:
      - This Man & His Response!
        - Both To Jesus & To The Jews!
    - And - You Are Left To Wondering:
      - If His Response Is:
        - One Of ***Fear*** Or Of ***Faith!***
          - *Fear Of The Jews Or Faith In Jesus!*
  - After All - Consider:
- His Answer About Jesus:
  - In 5:11 - To The Jews!
    - “He answered them, He that made me whole, the same said unto me, Take up thy bed, and walk!”
      - So - Even Though He Fully Acknowledged:
        - The Compassion Of Christ! And:
        - The Command Of Christ! And:
        - The Cure Of Christ:
          - All Toward Him!
  - We Can’t Fully Tell:
    - If He Said These Words:
      - As A Testimony - Or:
        - As An Excuse!
    - Was He Just Trying To:
      - Pass The Buck & The Blame:
        - Onto Jesus - When He Was Confronted By These Religious Leaders?
    - Some Who Have Written About This Man:
      - Have Put Him In:
        - A Bad Light!
      - Others Have Put Him In:
        - A Good Light!
      - While Still Others See Him:
        - Somewhere In Between!
          - At This Point - We Just Don’t Know!
  - But - We Do Know That:
    - His Life - As He Then Knew It:
      - Was Completely Changed!
        - All Because Of The Grace & Goodness Of Jesus:
          - Toward Him!

- But - Also Consider:
- His Awareness Of Jesus!
  - In 5:13 - After The Leaders Asked Him:
    - Who Told Him To:
      - Break The Law:
        - As They Saw It!
    - We Are Told By John:
      - “And he that was healed wist not who it was: for Jesus had conveyed himself away, a multitude being in that place!”
  - So - Even Though Jesus “Slipped Away” Into The Crowd:
    - After The Miracle:
      - For His Own Reasons!
    - We Are Left To Wonder:
      - The State Of That Man’s Mind!
  - Did He Have Any:
    - *Thoughts* About:
      - What Had Just Happened To Him? Or About:
        - The Man Who Did This To Him?
  - Did He Have Any:
    - *Thankfulness*:
      - In His Heart For That Man:
        - Or - Even To God?
  - Again - We Just Don’t Know!
    - But - We Do Know That:
      - “Afterward” - According To 5:14:
        - “Jesus Findeth Him” - Where?
          - “In The Temple!”
    - Because - Jesus Was Not Through:
      - With Him Yet!
        - He Looked For Him & Found Him - Out Of An Abundance:
          - Of Grace & Goodness:
            - Toward Him!
    - But Then - Also Consider:
  - His Attention To Jesus!
    - Even After Jesus:
      - Found Him In The Temple:
        - In 5:15 - We Are Told That:
          - “The man departed, and told the Jews that it was Jesus, which had made him whole!”
    - Once Again - We Wonder:
      - Why Would He Do *That*?
        - Especially Since:
          - John Links What *He* Did With What *The Jews* Did:
            - In 5:16!
        - “Therefore” / “This Was Why” - Even:
          - “On Account Of This”
            - “Did The Jews Persecute Jesus!”
    - Did This Man:
      - Tell The Jews About Jesus:
        - As An *Informant*?
          - Out Of *Ignorance*? Or:
            - True *Innocence*?
    - Again - Was His Response:
      - About Jesus - One Of *Fear* Or *Faith*?
        - Though We Can’t Tell:
          - For Sure - Just Based On:
            - What We Find In This Chapter!
      - Just A Couple Of Chapters Later:

- I Believe - We Find Revealed:
- His Awakening By Jesus!
  - Which Shows Us That:
    - Though He May Have Started Out:
      - With A Fear Of Man:
        - He Ended Up:
          - With A Firm Faith:
            - In Jesus!
- Because - In 7:23 - Jesus Confronts:
  - The Resistance & Rejection:
    - Of The Jewish Leaders - By Asking Them:
      - “Are ye angry at me, because I have made a man every whit whole on the sabbath day?”
- Jesus Is Talking About:
  - The Same Man:
    - We Meet Here:
      - In Chapter 5!
    - And - Jesus Says There:
      - That He Made Him Here:
        - “Every Whit Whole!”
          - Or - “Completely Whole!”
    - Some Translations Have:
      - The Word “Body” - But:
        - That Word Is Only Added:
          - As An Implication!
      - Its Not Found:
        - In Any Underlying Greek Manuscript!
  - The Same Man Jesus Healed:
    - Physically - I Believe:
      - He Also Made “Completely Whole!”
        - In Spirit & Soul & Body!
- Because - Back In 5:14:
  - What Did Jesus Say To The Man:
    - When He Found Him “In The Temple?”
      - “Behold, Thou Art Made Whole: Sin No More, Lest A Worse Thing Come Unto Thee!”
- All That Jesus:
  - **Said** To That Man - And:
    - All That Jesus:
      - **Did** For That Man:
        - Was So That He Might:
          - “Sin No More!”
- So - The Biggest Problem:
  - This Man Had:
    - Was Not The *Physical* Problem:
      - That He Had For 38 Years!
    - Which May Have Even Been The Result:
      - Of His Involvement:
        - In Some Kind Of Sin Or Crime In His Past!
- No - The Biggest Problem:
  - He Had:
    - Was A *Spiritual* Problem!
      - It Was A *Sin* Problem:
        - That You & I Have As Well!
- And - All That Jesus:
  - **Said** To Him - And:
    - All That Jesus:
      - **Did** For Him:
        - Was To Lead Him To:

- Repentance!
- Repentance For His Sins - And:
  - Faith In Jesus:
    - For Forgiveness:
      - Of Those Sins!
- In Romans 2:4 - The Apostle Paul:
  - Tells Us That:
    - “The Goodness Of God Leadeth Thee To Repentance!”
  - And - This Is What Jesus Himself:
    - Was Leading This Man To:
      - From The Moment He Met Him Outside The Temple:
        - Even Until He Found Him In The Temple!
  - He Was A Lost Sheep:
    - That Jesus Found! A Sinner:
      - That Jesus Saved!
- So - How Did This Man Respond:
  - To The Leading Of Jesus?
    - Slowly But Surely - I Believe:
      - He Was Moved:
        - From Fear Of Man:
          - To Fear Of God - And Even:
            - To Faith In Jesus Christ!
  - “Sin No More” Was Jesus’ Wake Up Call:
    - To That Man’s Spiritual Condition:
      - To Be Made “*Completely* Whole!”
    - And - He First Needed To See:
      - The True Darkness & Danger & Depravity Of His Sin!
  - But Then - And Only Then:
    - After Turning From Himself & His Sin:
      - Could He Be Made “*Completely* Whole!”
        - Bu Turning To & Trusting In:
          - Jesus Christ Alone:
            - To Heal Him From His Sin Problem!

**Conclusion:**

1. And - This Is What:
  - The Grace & Goodness:
    - Of God Is For!
      - It Is To Lead:
        - Not Just That Man:
          - But You - To Repentance Toward God & Faith Toward The Lord Jesus Christ!  
(Acts 20:21)
2. Just Consider:
  - God’s Grace & Goodness:
    - To You!
      - Every Day & Every Hour:
        - Of Your Life!
    - It Is Even:
      - “In Him We Live, And Move, And Have Our Being!”
  - Now - How Are You Responding:
    - To His Goodness?
      - Are You Ignoring It:
        - Or - Are You Even:
          - Despising It:
            - Like The Leaders Of The Jews?
    - Or - Are You Letting His Goodness:
      - Lead You To Greater Repentance & Faith:
        - In Your Walk With God?



3. You Can Tell:
- By How You Deal With:
    - The Sin In Your Life!
      - Are Striving To:
        - “Sin No More?”
    - Do You See:
      - The True Darkness & Danger & Depravity:
        - Of Your Own Sin?
  - If So - Then:
    - “Awake To Righteousness, And Sin Not!” (1 Corinthians 15:34)
      - Trust In Christ - And:
        - Strive Through Christ:
          - To “Sin No More!”
    - Because - When Jesus Saves You:
      - It Is So That:
        - You Too Might Be:
          - “Every Whit – Completely – Whole!”

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