

The Pool of Bethesda

John 5:1–9 (NIV)

¹Some time later, Jesus went up to Jerusalem for one of the Jewish festivals. ²Now there is in

Jerusalem near the Sheep Gate a pool, which in Aramaic is called Bethesda and which is surrounded by five covered colonnades.

³Here a great number of disabled people used to lie—the blind, the lame, the paralyzed. ^[4] ⁵One who was there had been an invalid for thirty-eight years. ⁶When Jesus saw him lying there and learned that he had been in this condition for a long time, he asked him, **“Do you want to get well?”**

⁷“Sir,” the invalid replied, “I have no one to help me into the pool when the water is stirred. While I am trying to get in, someone else goes down ahead of me.”

⁸Then Jesus said to him, **“Get up! Pick up your mat and walk.”**

⁹At once the man was cured; he picked up his mat and walked.

The day on which this took place was a Sabbath.

