

# The Greatest Show On Earth: Sovereign Over All

3.8.15

## I. Introduction

A. *John 20:31*

*But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.*

## II. Seeing Is Not Believing

A. *John 4:46-47*

*So he came again to Cana in Galilee, where he had made the water wine. And at Capernaum there was an official whose son was ill. 47 When this man heard that Jesus had come from Judea to Galilee, he went to him and asked him to come down and heal his son, for he was at the point of death.*

B. *John 4:48-50*

*So Jesus said to him, "Unless you see signs and wonders you will not believe." 49 The official said to him, "Sir, come down before my child dies." 50 Jesus said to him, "Go; Your son will live." The man **believed the word** that Jesus spoke to him and went on his way.*

1. The tension between the promise given and the promise experienced.

C. *John 4:51-53*

*As he was going down, his servants met him that his son was recovering. 52 So he asked them the hour when he began to get better, and they said to him, "Yesterday at the seventh hour the fever left him." 53 The father knew that was the hour when Jesus had said to him, "your son will live."*

1. Word spoken- Word believed- Word experienced
2. Word spoken- Word experienced- Word believed

## III. Pool at Bethesda

A. *John 5:1-5*

*After this there was a feast of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. 2 Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate a pool, in Aramitic called Bethesda, which has five roofed colonnades. 3 In these lay a multitude of invalids—blind, lame, and paralyzed. 5 One man was there who had been an invalid for thirty eight years.*

B. *John 5:3-4 (passage with verse 4 included)*

*In these lay a multitude of those who were sick, blind, lame, and withered, (waiting for the moving of waters; 4 for an angel of the Lord went down at certain seasons into the pool and stirred up the water; whoever then first, after the stirring up of the water, stepped in was made well from whatever disease with which he was afflicted.)*

1. Science of Textual Criticism:
  - a. Plato's Tetralogies
  - b. Homer's Iliad
  - c. NT Manuscripts

C. *John 5:6-8*

*When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had already been there a long time, he said to him, "Do you want to be healed?" 7 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 going another steps down before me." 8 Jesus said to him, "Get up, take your bed, and walk."*

D. *John 5:9*

*And at once the man was healed, and he took up his bed and walked. Now that day was the Sabbath.*

E. *John 5:10-14*

*So the Jews said to the man who had been healed, "It is the Sabbath, and it is not lawful for you to take up your bed." 11 But he answered them, "The man who healed me, that man said to me, "Take up your bed and walk." 12 They asked him, "Who is the man who said to you, "Take up your bed and walk?" 13 Now the man who had been healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had withdrawn, as there was a crowd in the place. 14 Afterward Jesus found him in the temple and said to him, "See, you are well! Sin no more, that nothing worse may happen to you."*

F. *John 5:15*

*The man went away and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had healed him.*

1. *John 5:16,18*

*16 And this was why the Jews were persecuting Jesus...*

*18 This was why the Jews were seeking all the more to kill him...*

#### **IV. Application**

A. Get your eyes off the clock and get them on Jesus

B. Stop focusing on the obstacles

C. Cling to hope

1. Losing Hope

a. Hard to hope

b. Hurts to hope

2. *Psalm 42:5 Memory Verse*

*Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you in turmoil within me?*

*Hope in God;*

#### **V. Conclusion**