

Study Questions for John 5 (Part 1) v1–18

- How would you personally define “legalism” to someone who had never heard the term?
- When Pastor Paul mentioned as a side note that the area of the Sheep Gate had been excavated and the ruins of a pool was discovered that had been surrounded by five colonnades, what was your reaction?
- What major theme(s) stick out to you as you read 5:1–18?
- Put yourself in the invalid’s position. What does his situation reveal about his character and personality?
- Why do you think Jesus asked the invalid if he wanted to get well (5:6)?
- Does this man’s healing depend on his faith (see 5:6–8)? How can you tell, and why is this important?
- What might be the “something worse” that will happen to the healed man if he doesn’t stop sinning?
- In the Gospels, Jesus doesn’t normally say this to people He heals. Why do you suppose He warns this man?
- The Jewish leaders utterly ignore the fact that a man has been miraculously healed (5:10–12, 16). What does this say about them?
- The rabbis had a theory that each commandment should be applied as widely as possible to avoid accidentally breaking the law. What did this attitude do to their application of the Law?
- What reasons does John give for the Jewish leaders’ opposition to Jesus?
- In what areas does Jesus claim to be equal with God the Father?
- What passage from the entire Bible do you consider to be the best for proving the deity of Jesus?