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(Joh 5:1) After this there was a feast of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. (Joh 5:2) Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate a pool, in Aramaic called Bethesda, which has five roofed colonnades. (Joh 5:3) In these lay a multitude of invalids blind, lame, and paralyzed. (Joh 5:5) One man was there who had been an invalid for thirty-eight years.

(Joh 5:6) 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?" (Joh 5:7) 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." (Joh 5:8) Jesus said to him, "Get up, take up your bed, and walk."

(Joh 5:9) And at once the man was healed, and he took up his bed and walked. Now that day was the Sabbath. (Joh 5:10) 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." (Joh 5:11) But he answered them, "The man who healed me, that man said to me, 'Take up your bed, and walk.'"

(Joh 5:12) They asked him, "Who is the man who said to you, 'Take up your bed and walk'?"(Joh 5:13) Now the man who had been healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had withdrawn, as there was a crowd in the place.

(Joh 5:14) 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."(Joh 5:15) The man went away and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had healed him

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