

ENCOUNTER #10: John 5:1-15 "WHEN NO ONE ELSE SEES"

ESV excludes verse 4 – no extant manuscript 400AD

For an angel went down at a certain time into the pool and stirred up the water; then whoever stepped in first, after the stirring of the water, was made well of whatever disease he had.

REMEMBER JESUS IS THE REVELATION OF THE FATHER – no one has seen god....

Every story in the gospel accounts leads you to an understanding of the father.

- DIRECT CORRELATION: brightness glory express image of his person

MP: The life of Jesus teaches us that God the Father is merciful.

MERCY (*hesed/eleo*) indivisibly linked 2 love: Mercy = Steadfast love = Loving-kindness

Titus 3:5 But when the goodness and **loving kindness** of God our Savior appeared, ⁵he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own **mercy**, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit. LOVE/MERCY

Lamentations 3:22 The **steadfast love** of the LORD never ceases; his **mercies** never come to an end; ²³they are new every morning, great is your faithfulness. LOVE/MERCY

Ephesians 2:4 But God, being rich in **mercy**, because of the **great love** with which he loved us, ⁵even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ. LOVE/MERCY

Mercy is God's faithful and focused love for us that drives Him to compassionately help us in our time of need.

282: Unending, undeserved, God's rich in, basis for forgiveness, through them God will not forsake us, endures forever, distinguishes God from all other gods, surrounds those who trust in God, they satisfy us in the morning, lead us to sing to God, from everlasting to everlasting to those who fear him, should generate gratitude, by it our iniquity is atoned for, the plea of the blind men the Canaanite woman the man with possessed son, triumph's over judgment, it's the wisdom of god, it's how we have been born again and made God's people, point of communion (mercy seat/cross) Jude 21

You should live your life depending upon the mercies of God.

WHEN NO ONE SEES YOU, BC MERCY JESUS DOES

BETHESDA: house of mercy – pools (storm water drained) – North East TM - **SHEEPGT**

- Packed sick ppl: story of angel touching water/MAN/38 years/RUSH PPL
- Embl.The devastating effects of sin in world – **FILLED WITH SUFFERING**

Violence, greed, sickness, hatred, anger, war, division, exploitation – highlights

- o **HOPELESSNESS:** Chronic suffering, no friends/family, left behind – 38

Stepped over – pushed down – held back – **DAY AFTER DAY**

In the house of healing but never healed.

IT'S HARD WHEN THE HEALING DOESN'T COME - CONTRAST WORSHIP TEMPLE

- **UNSEEN BUT JESUS SAW:** hagar – banished – alone – left die – GOD WHO SEES

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WHEN YOU HAVE NO ONE TO HELP YOU, BC MERCY JESUS WILL Sign #3

JESUS ASKS: He draws this out. I have no one. Response betrays abandonment

- **YES... IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE – RESOURCES EXHAUSTED**
- **When resources exhausted turn to God - Nothing is impossible with God...**

Even when everything is against you God is for you.

- WORSE – LIKELY SIN – STOP SINNING....SEXUAL SIN – DIDN'T DESERVE

God's mercy is undeserved, unearned, and unlimited. **POINT OF MERCY don't deserve**

Psalm 51:1 Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. ²Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!

JESUS HEALS MAN: The healing happens – atrophied muscles immediately transform

His word accomplished his will. With the command came the empowering

Isa. 35:3–6 Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; ⁶then shall the lame man leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute sing for joy.

JESUS HEALS TERMS – WHO / WHERE / WHEN

- **Place was filled with sick – specific / He went to this place / On sabbath**

Scribes listed 39 tasks that were prohibited Sabb, carrying burden 1

- **MAN'S RULES OVER GOD'S MERCY - BE MERCIFUL – rules over real rest**

WHEN JESUS TOUCHES YOUR LIFE, HIS MERCY LEADS YOU TO WORSHIP

HE FINDS THE MAN IN THE TEMPLE (searched him out)

- Mercy restored this man to GOD – **stopped sinning – started worshiping**

A real experience of God's mercy changes you.

THE CHURCH IS BETHESDA – THIS IS HOUSE OF MERCY -

- The place where GOD IS WORSHIPED (not man) – DISCOVERED HIS MERCIES
 - **SPIRITUAL HEALING – SICK BC SIN – THE CROSS MADE GOD'S M AVAIL**

What we deserved was poured out on him so what we could never earn could be poured out upon us.

- **PHYSICAL, RELATIONAL, EMOTIONAL HEALING**

Not just the physical – evident on the outside a reality on the inside.