



The Great Trapeze

JOHN 5:1-17

8 “Remember the Sabbath day,
to keep it holy. 9 Six days you
shall labor, and do all your
work, 10 but the seventh day is
a Sabbath to the Lord your
God. On it you shall not do any
work (Exodus 20:8-10a)

Now that day was the Sabbath. 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.” ¹¹ But he
answered them, “The man who
healed me, that man said to me,
‘Take up your bed, and walk.’”

¹After this there was a feast of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

²Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate a pool, in Aramaic 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. 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?”

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 up your bed, and walk.” ⁹ And at once the man was healed, and he took up his bed and walked.

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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 ¹³ Now the man who had been healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had withdrawn, as there was a crowd in the place.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.”

¹⁵ The man went away and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had healed him. ¹⁶ And this was why the Jews were persecuting Jesus, because he was doing these things on the Sabbath. ¹⁷ But Jesus answered them, “My Father is working until now, and I am working.”

For the Lord is our judge; the
Lord is our lawgiver; the
Lord is our king; he will save
us. (Isaiah 33:22)

Love the Lord your God with all
your heart and with all your
soul and with all your mind
and with all your strength.'
(Mark 12:30)