



Gift or Giver?





**Bethesda: staircase in an exposed part of the southern pool**  
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## *John 5:1-5 NIV*

*Some time later, Jesus went up to Jerusalem for one of the Jewish festivals. Now there is in Jerusalem near the Sheep Gate a pool, which in Aramaic is called Bethesda and which is surrounded by five covered colonnades. Here a great number of disabled people used to lie—the blind, the lame, the paralyzed. One who was there had been an invalid for thirty-eight years.*



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## *John 5:6 NIV*

*When Jesus saw him lying there and learned that he had been in this condition for a long time, he asked him, “Do you want to get well?”*



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## John 5:7 NIV

*“Sir,” the invalid replied, “I have no one to help me into the pool when the water is stirred. While I am trying to get in, someone else goes down ahead of me.”*



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## *John 5:8-9 NIV*

*Then Jesus said to him, “Get up! Pick up your mat and walk.” At once the man was cured; he picked up his mat and walked.*



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## *John 5:9b-10 NIV*

*The day on which this took place was a Sabbath, and so the Jewish leaders said to the man who had been healed, “It is the Sabbath; the law forbids you to carry your mat.”*



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## *John 5:11 NIV*

*But he replied, “The man who made me well said to me, ‘Pick up your mat and walk.’ ”*



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## *John 5:14-15 NIV*

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