



JESUS

LIONMAN *of* JUDAH

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PART 31: JESUS HELPS THE HELPLESS

John 5:1-18

NOT IN THE BIBLE

"God helps those who help themselves."

TRUTH OF THE GOSPEL

Jesus solely helps those who are utterly and absolutely **HELPLESS**.

RESPONSIBILITY IN THE GOSPEL

1. Jesus makes the **OFFER** .

(John 5:6)

2. Jesus does the **HEALING** .

(John 5:8)

3. We **RESPOND** to his grace.

(John 5:8)

A SIMPLE WAY TO THINK OF GOD'S GRACE & MERCY

GRACE = Getting what I do not deserve.

MERCY = Not getting what I do deserve.

HOMework



Open Your Group in Prayer. Use the Prayer Guide on the next page for Suggestions.

1. When you get sick, what are you like: Oscar the Grouch? Superman? Rip Van Winkle?

Read John 1:1-18

2. How do you picture the setting of this story? (v. 2-4) What is the smell? The noises? The atmosphere?
3. How would you picture the invalid? (v. 5-7)
4. What does Jesus mean by his question in verse 6? What did the invalid hope Jesus might do?
5. If you were the paralyzed man, what would you feel in v. 8-9? In verses 10-13? In verse 14?
6. Why were the religious leaders so upset when they saw the man carrying his mat?
7. Go read **Mark 2:1-12**. How does this story parallel the passage today? What similarities do you see? What differences?
8. Do you think some of the same religious leaders who were present in Mark 2 were present at the temple and questioning the man who was healed in John 5? If so, how would Jesus' words, "take up your bed and walk" have struck them? Compare it to what he says in Mark 2.
9. How do you suppose the leaders responded to the man's testimony in verse 15?
10. In what ways do people today try to be healed without Christ?
11. In what ways do you try to be healed apart from Christ?
12. Why would Jesus ask, "Do you want to get well"? Describe a time when you would have said, "No." How about "Yes"?

**Many questions this week were taken from the Serendipity Study Bible.*

