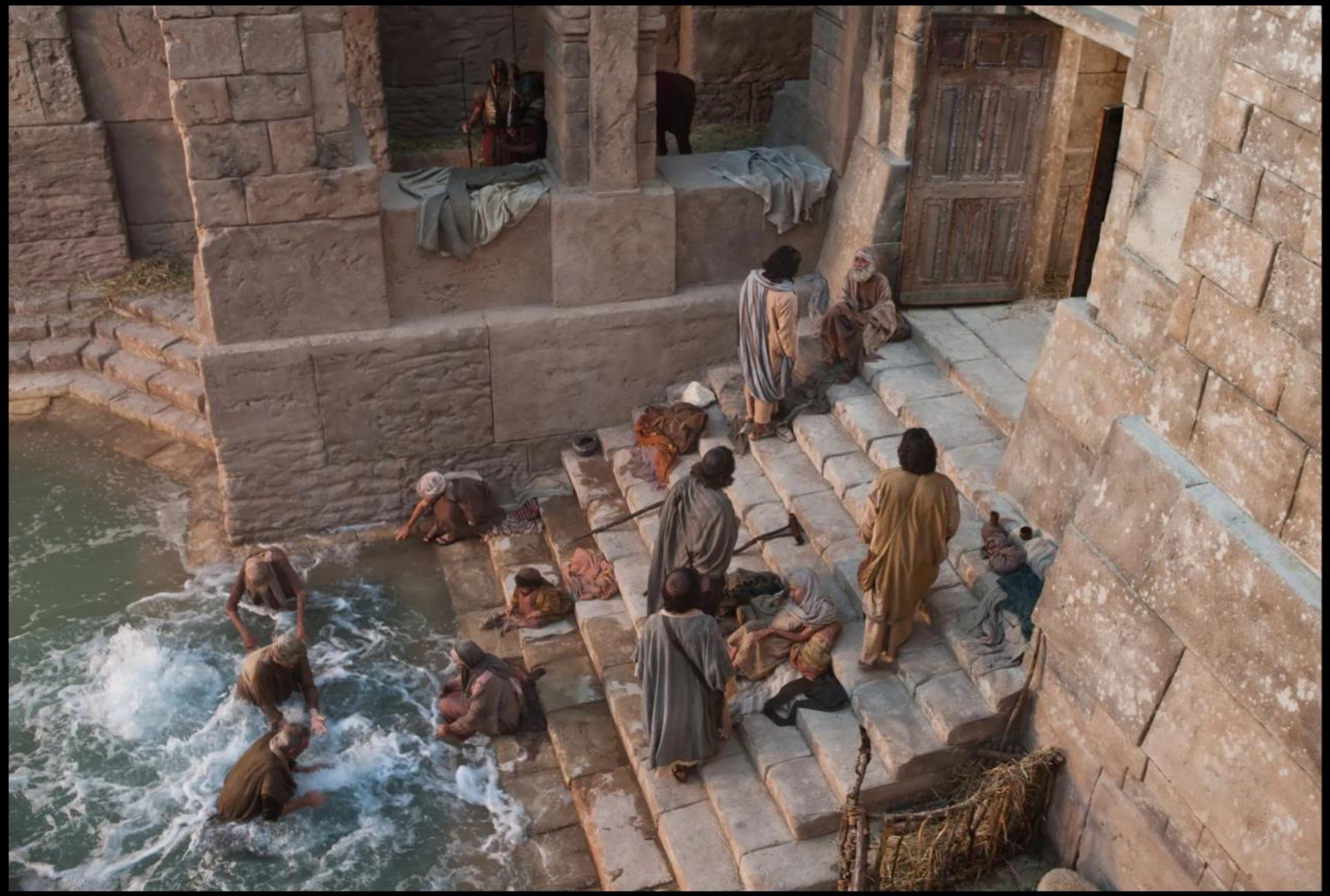
THE MIRACLES OF JESUS





John 5:1-17 NASB 1995

5 After these things there was a feast of
the Jews, and Jesus went up to
Jerusalem. 2 Now there is in Jerusalem
by the sheep gate a pool, which is
called in Hebrew *Bethesda*, having five
porticoes.

3 In these lay a multitude of those who
were sick, blind, lame, and withered,
waiting for the moving of the waters; 4 for
an angel of the Lord went down at certain
seasons into the pool and stirred up the
water; whoever then first, after the
stirring up of the water, stepped in was
made well from whatever disease with
which he was afflicted.

5 A man was there who had been ill for
thirty-eight years. 6 When Jesus saw him
lying there, and knew that he had already
been a long time in that condition, He
*said to him, “Do you wish to get well?”

7 The sick man answered Him, “Sir, I have
no man to put me into the pool when the
water is stirred up, but while I am coming,
another steps down before me.” 8 Jesus
said to him, “Get up, pick up your pallet
and walk.” 9 Immediately the man
became well, and picked up his pallet and
began to walk.

Now it was the Sabbath on that day. 10 So the Jews were saying to the man who was cured, “It is the Sabbath, and it is not permissible for you to carry your pallet.” 11 But he answered them, “He who made me well was the one who said to me, ‘Pick up your pallet and walk.’”

12 They asked him, “Who is the man who
said to you, ‘Pick up your pallet and
walk’?” 13 But the man who was healed
did not know who it was, for Jesus had
slipped away while there was a crowd in
that place.

14 Afterward Jesus found him in the temple and said to him, “Behold, you have become well; do not sin anymore, so that nothing worse happens to you.” 15 The man went away, and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had made him well.

16 For this reason the Jews were persecuting Jesus, because He was doing these things on the Sabbath. 17 But He answered them, “My Father is working until now, and I Myself am working.”

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Jesus saw...

AND KNEW

Mark 2:17 NASB 1995

17 And hearing this, Jesus said to them, “It is not those who are healthy who need a physician, but those who are sick; I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners.”

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Matthew 24:24 NASB 1995

24 For false Christs and false prophets will arise and will show great signs and wonders, so as to mislead, if possible, even the elect.

Matthew 7:22-23 NASB 1995

22 Many will say to Me on that day, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Your name, and in Your name cast out demons, and in Your name perform many miracles?’ 23 And then I will declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness.’

The important thing to notice first is the man's poor view of God's grace. Over the long period of time of living with his problem the man had seemingly become convinced that God operated on the basis of "first come, first served."

Another of his problems was that he undoubtedly felt a sense of abandonment because of his helpless condition and his lack of support from others, particularly in times when he thought healing might be possible.

He apparently had become negative, as some sick people do, and he was ready to blame others. This attitude did not change after his healing and was likely part of the reason for Jesus' later warning (5:14).

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