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Authority of Jesus

John 5:1-18

In John 5, Jesus returns to Jerusalem. Located near the temple was the Pool of Bethesda. This pool had a mystical reputation of healing physical illness. The first person who entered the stirring waters of the pool would be healed. It is here that Jesus performs His third sign, healing a lame man. It is a demonstration of Jesus' authority over physical illness. Jesus then issues a warning that there exists something worse than physical sickness, spiritual death. Jesus has authority over spiritual death.

### Additional Verses:

Matthew 10:26-233

1 Corinthians 15:50-58

1 Thessalonians 4:16

Revelation 20:4-6

### Outline:

1. Man's hopeless situation.

2. Jesus is Lord over physical sickness.

3. Jesus is Lord over spiritual death.

### Study Questions:

1. What does this passage teach about the authority of Jesus? What other things does Scripture record Jesus having authority over?

2. What are some consequences of sin? How does this passage serve as a warning about the seriousness of sin?

3. Why was this not a faith healing? What would be some consequences if this was a faith healing? Who would have the ultimate authority?

4. What is the something worse that will happen? Why is it more important that Jesus has authority of spiritual death? How do we escape the something worse?

5. How is the Holy Spirit leading you to respond to God today?