

The Book of John

LESSON SEVEN

John 5

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1 Look in His Word

Feel free to underline, circle or otherwise mark the text if it will aid your study.

John 5:1-7

¹Some time later, Jesus went up to Jerusalem for a feast of the Jews.

²Now there is in Jerusalem near the Sheep Gate a pool, which in Aramaic is called Bethesda and which is surrounded by five covered colonnades.

³Here a great number of disabled people used to lie--the blind, the lame, the paralyzed.

⁵One who was there had been an invalid for thirty-eight years.

⁶When 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?"

⁷"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."

2 List the Facts

What does the passage say? Make a verse-by-verse list of the most obvious, outstanding facts. Be literal as you answer.

Example:

(5:1) Jesus went to Jerusalem for a feast.

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3 Learn from the Lessons

What does the passage mean? What lessons can be learned from these facts? Be spiritual as you answer.

Example:

(5:1) We need to make the effort to be involved in the life of the church.

4 Listen to His Voice

What does this passage mean to you? Rewrite the lessons from step 3 in the form of a question. Be personal as you answer.

Example:

(5:1) What effort am I making to be involved in my church?

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2 List the Facts

John 5:8-16

⁸Then Jesus said to him, “Get up! Pick up your mat and walk.”

⁹At once the man was cured; he picked up his mat and walked. The day on which this took place was a Sabbath,

¹⁰and so the Jews said to the man who had been healed, “It is the Sabbath; the law forbids you to carry your mat.”

¹¹But he replied, “The man who made me well said to me, ‘Pick up your mat and walk.’”

¹²So they asked him, “Who is this fellow who told you to pick it up and walk?”

¹³The man who was healed had no idea who it was, for Jesus had slipped away into the crowd that was there.

¹⁴Later Jesus found him at the temple and said to him, “See, you are well again. Stop sinning or something worse may happen to you.”

¹⁵The man went away and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had made him well.

¹⁶So, because Jesus was doing these things on the Sabbath, the Jews persecuted him.

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Listen to His Voice

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2 List the Facts

John 5:17-30

¹⁷Jesus said to them, “My Father is always at his work to this very day, and I, too, am working.”

¹⁸For this reason the Jews tried all the harder to kill him; not only was he breaking the Sabbath, but he was even calling God his own Father, making himself equal with God.

¹⁹Jesus gave them this answer: “I tell you the truth, the Son can do nothing by himself; he can do only what he sees his Father doing, because whatever the Father does the Son also does.

²⁰For the Father loves the Son and shows him all he does. Yes, to your amazement he will show him even greater things than these.

²¹For just as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, even so the Son gives life to whom he is pleased to give it.

²²Moreover, the Father judges no one, but has entrusted all judgment to the Son,

²³that all may honor the Son just as they honor the Father. He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father, who sent him.

²⁴“I tell you the truth, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be condemned; he has crossed over from death to life.

²⁵I tell you the truth, a time is coming and has now come when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God and those who hear will live.

²⁶For as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son to have life in himself.

²⁷And he has given him authority to judge because he is the Son of Man.

²⁸“Do not be amazed at this, for a time is coming when all who are in their graves will hear his voice

²⁹and come out--those who have done good will rise to live, and those who have done evil will rise to be condemned.

³⁰By myself I can do nothing; I judge only as I hear, and my judgment is just, for I seek not to please myself but him who sent me.”

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Listen to His Voice

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1 Look in His Word

2 List the Facts

John 5:31-40

³¹“If I testify about myself, my testimony is not valid.

³²There is another who testifies in my favor, and I know that his testimony about me is valid.

³³“You have sent to John and he has testified to the truth.

³⁴Not that I accept human testimony; but I mention it that you may be saved.

³⁵John was a lamp that burned and gave light, and you chose for a time to enjoy his light.

³⁶“I have testimony weightier than that of John. For the very work that the Father has given me to finish, and which I am doing, testifies that the Father has sent me.

³⁷And the Father who sent me has himself testified concerning me. You have never heard his voice nor seen his form,

³⁸nor does his word dwell in you, for you do not believe the one he sent.

³⁹You diligently study the Scriptures because you think that by them you possess eternal life. These are the Scriptures that testify about me,

⁴⁰yet you refuse to come to me to have life.”

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Listen to His Voice

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1 Look in His Word

2 List the Facts

John 5:41-47

⁴¹“I do not accept praise from men,
⁴²but I know you. I know that you do not have
the love of God in your hearts.

⁴³I have come in my Father’s name, and you do
not accept me; but if someone else comes in his
own name, you will accept him.

⁴⁴How can you believe if you accept praise
from one another, yet make no effort to obtain the
praise that comes from the only God?

⁴⁵“But do not think I will accuse you before
the Father. Your accuser is Moses, on whom your
hopes are set.

⁴⁶If you believed Moses, you would believe
me, for he wrote about me.

⁴⁷But since you do not believe what he wrote,
how are you going to believe what I say?”

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Live in Response

How will you respond? Pinpoint what God is saying to you from this passage. Write down today's date and what you will do now about what He has said.

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