

**Scriptures and Doctrine :: John 5:15?****John 5:15? - posted by mguldner (), on: 2011/1/11 6:37**

John 5:15 "The man went away and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had made him well."

I was reading this and tried to put myself in the shoes of this individual. First off I was just questioned by the Jews as to why I was breaking the Sabbath just before I was miracly healed. My question of this man (and I know this is pure speculation and wondering) What was his motivation for telling the Jews?

Meaning was it to rejoice all the more and tell of his healer? Or was it to tell on the Man that caused him to break the Sabbath using Christ as the scapegoat?

I hope to gain from this just an interesting conversation and a deeper understand of Christ Jesus :) Thanks!

God Bless,
Matthew

Re: John 5:15?, on: 2011/1/11 16:20

Interesting question.

John 5:13 And he that was healed wist not who it was: for Jesus had conveyed himself away, a multitude being in place . 14 Afterward Jesus findeth him in the temple, and said unto him, Behold, thou art made whole: sin no more, lest a worse thing come unto thee. 15 The man departed, and told the Jews that it was Jesus, which had made him whole.

My first thoughts are prosaic. The man had been out of circulation for nearly four decades - since before Jesus was born. He didn't recognise Jesus when He spoke to Him, which suggests Jesus had not gone to the pool to heal, on His Father's instructions.

The man once healed, knew he had to show himself to the priests. Not sure if he also had to offer a sacrifice. Jesus knew where he would be, and I think the man was probably both confused and euphoric. Telling the Jews the answer to their question was a natural thing for him to do.

Jesus specifically tells him to go and sin no more. He is not the only person to whom Jesus said this, yet this man receives far less publicity or investigation, than others.

I'm a bit hazy about the way the gospels interlock with regard to timeline. Work to be done there on my part. Is this John's first report of the Jews beginning to conspire for His death?

Re: - posted by mguldner (), on: 2011/1/12 8:16

I believe you are right in regards to the Jews starting to conspire to Kill Christ. They really didn't like Him "working" on the Sabbath. Christ most certainly rocked the boat on this one though.

Re: John 5:15?, on: 2011/1/12 9:23

I love these interactive Bible studies! Now I've looked for the verses of which I was aware yesterday, but still not sure how they fit around the pool of Bethesda.

Luke 4:16 And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up: and, as his custom was, he went into the synagogue on the sabbath day, and stood up for to read. 17 And there was delivered unto him the book of the prophet Esaias. And when he had opened the book, he found the place where it was written, 18 The Spirit of the Lord upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, 19 To preach the acceptable year of the Lord. 20 And he closed the book, and he gave again to the minister, and sat down. And the eyes of all them that were in the synagogue were fastened on him. 21 And he began to say unto them, This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears. 22 And all bare him witness, and wondered at the gracious words which proceeded out of his mouth. And they said, Is not this Joseph's son? 23 And he said unto them, Ye will surely say unto me this proverb, Physician, heal thyself: whatsoever we have heard done in Capernaum, do also here in thy country. 24 And he said, Verily I say unto you, No prophet is accepted in his own country. 25 But I tell you of a truth, many widows were in Israel in the days of Elias, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, when great famine was throughout all the land; 26 But unto none of them was Elias sent, save unto Sarepta, of Sidon, unto a woman a widow. 27 And many lepers were in Israel in the time of Eliseus the prophet; and none of them was cleansed, saving Naaman the Syrian. 28 And all they in the synagogue, when they heard these things, were filled with wrath, 29 And rose up, and thrust him out of the city, and led him unto the brow of the hill whereon their city was built, that they might cast him down headlong.

Luke 6:7 And the scribes and Pharisees watched him, whether he would heal on the sabbath day; that they might find an accusation against him. 8 But he knew their thoughts, and said to the man which had the withered hand, Rise up, and stand forth in the midst. And he arose and stood forth. 9 Then said Jesus unto them, I will ask you one thing; Is it lawful on the sabbath days to do good, or to do evil? to save life, or to destroy? 10 And looking round about upon them all, he said unto the man, Stretch forth thy hand. And he did so: and his hand was restored whole as the other. 11 And they were filled with madness; and communed one with another what they might do to Jesus.

(Also Mark 3)