



# CRUEL POOL

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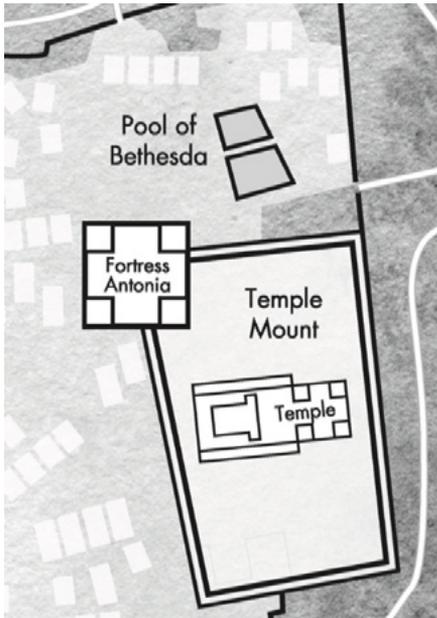
## MIRACLES WERE PART OF THE “JOB DESCRIPTION” OF THE MESSIAH

The heavens and the earth will obey His Messiah... He will **heal the sick**, resurrect the dead, and to the poor announce glad tidings. Qumran cave 4, fragment 4Q521

Then will the eyes of the blind be opened and the ears of the deaf unstopped. Then will the **lame leap like a deer**, and the mute tongue shout for joy. Isaiah 35:5-6

Jesus went throughout Galilee... proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and **healing every disease and sickness** among the people. Matthew 4:23

## THE SETTING



Some time later, Jesus went up to Jerusalem for a feast of the Jews. Now there is in Jerusalem, near the Sheep Gate, a pool, which in Aramaic is called Bethesda and which is surrounded by five covered colonnades. Here a great number of disabled people used to lie — the blind, the lame, the paralyzed. John 5:1-3

## HOW CAN I BE CHANGED?

1. \_\_\_\_\_

One man had been an invalid there for **thirty-eight years**...John 5:5

2. \_\_\_\_\_

When Jesus saw him stretched out by the pool and **knew how long he had been there** he said, "**Do you want to get well?**"

John 5:6

Literally: "Do you want to be \_\_\_\_\_?"

### Why wouldn't I want to be healed of my affliction?

- I'm \_\_\_\_\_ with it
- I'm \_\_\_\_\_ with it
- I'm \_\_\_\_\_ by it
- I'm \_\_\_\_\_ by it

"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." John 5:7

3. \_\_\_\_\_

Then Jesus said to him, "Get up! Pick up your mat and walk." At once the man was cured; he picked up his mat and walked.

John 5:8-9

[The religious leaders] stopped the healed man and said, "It's the Sabbath. You can't carry your bedroll around. **It's against the rules.**" John 5:10

Jesus' question to you: \_\_\_\_\_?

## GET HELP

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Monday & Thursday 7 pm in Bldg. 7000 (Monschke Hall)

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