



HEALING OF THE PARALYTIC





Like the rest of the Jews, Jesus went up to Jerusalem for the important feasts and holy days. One day he walked by a pool where sick people gathered. There was a man who couldn't walk and had stayed by the pool for thirty-eight years!

Jesus walked up to him and said, "Do you want to get well?"



"I do!" the man replied. "Sometimes the pool bubbles, and then people who get in it can get well, but I have no one to help me get in the pool."

Jesus saw how the man had suffered. He said, "Get up! Pick up your bedroll and walk." And he did.



The man was stunned. After thirty-eight years Jesus just said, "Get up and walk." The man felt strength stirring in his legs. He wiggled his toes. Then he stood, solid as a rock. He picked up his bedroll and beamed with joy.

The other people at the pool could hardly believe what they were seeing.



Jesus quietly slipped away. The man didn't even know who Jesus was!
Later Jesus ran into the man at the temple and told him to love God and keep from sinning. Then the healed man began telling everyone that it was Jesus who had made him well.

THE POOL OF BETHESDA

JOHN 5:1-16

ACROSS

- 1) OPPOSITE OF DOWN
- 2) OPPOSITE OF OUTOF
- 3) STROLLED, TRAVELED BY FOOT - RHYMES WITH "TALKED"
- 4) CURVED STRUCTURE ON A BUILDING - RHYMES WITH "PARCH"

DOWN

- 3) LABOR, EFFORT
- 5) POND, SMALL BODY OF WATER - RHYMES WITH "COOL"
- 6) ILLNESS, SICKNESS, AILMENT

