

The Pool of Bethesda

John 5:1-14

Across from the sheep market in Jerusalem, there was a pool called the "Pool of Bethesda." There were five porches around the pool. On these porches, lay many people. Some were blind. Some were lame. Others had many different diseases. They stayed close to that pool, because they knew an angel would sometimes come and stir the water. When the water was moved, the first one in the pool would be cured of whatever sickness they had.

One day Jesus came by that pool. He saw a man who had been sick for thirty-eight years. Knowing that he had been sick for so long, Jesus asked, "Will you be made whole?"

The man answered Jesus, "I don't have anyone to help me in the pool. When the water is moved, someone gets in before me."

Jesus said to the man, "Rise. take up your bed, and walk."

Immediately the man was healed. He got up and walked, just as Jesus said.

The man had been sick for a very long time and he had no one to help him. Then one day, he met Jesus, and was healed. Jesus was the best help that man could have. Jesus wants to be our help too. No matter what the problem, if we ask Jesus, He will help us. Jesus is the best friend we can ever have.

Search: Around the pool lay many sick, hurting people. Some may have been there for a long time. Perhaps some had gone to doctors but couldn't be cured. Hidden in the picture are some things a doctor may have. Find 2 aspirins, 2 pills, a stethoscope, a doctor's bag, a cane, a crutch, a needle, a band-aid, a roll of bandages, a bottle of medicine, and a spoon.



