

A person stands in a dark space, illuminated by a vertical beam of light from above. The person is silhouetted against the light, which creates a bright, hazy column. The background is dark and textured.

THE GOSPEL OF  
**JOHN**

**The Light Shines  
in the Darkness**

CHAPTER 5:1-15

**“A Wholeness in Life”**

# STRUCTURE OF JOHN

The Light Shines in the Darkness

And the Darkness Never Put It Out





## John 5

<sup>1</sup> Afterward Jesus returned to Jerusalem for one of the Jewish holy days. <sup>2</sup> Inside the city, near the Sheep Gate, was the pool of Bethesda, with five covered porches. <sup>3</sup> Crowds of sick people—blind, lame, or paralyzed—lay on the porches.

## John 5

[<sup>4</sup> For an angel went down at a certain time into the pool and stirred up the water; then whoever stepped in first, after the stirring of the water, was made well of whatever disease he had.]







## John 5

<sup>5</sup> One of the men lying there had been sick for thirty-eight years. <sup>6</sup> When Jesus saw him and knew he had been ill for a long time, he asked him, “Would you like to get well?” <sup>7</sup> “I can’t, sir,” the sick man said, “for I have no one to put me into the pool when the water bubbles up. Someone else always gets there ahead of me.”

## John 5

<sup>8</sup> Jesus told him, “Stand up, pick up your mat, and walk!” <sup>9</sup> Instantly, the man was healed! He rolled up his sleeping mat and began walking!







**The wholeness Jesus offers is often  
at odds with our imagined solutions**





## John 5

<sup>9b</sup> But this miracle happened on the Sabbath, <sup>10</sup> so the Jewish leaders objected. They said to the man who was cured, “You can’t work on the Sabbath! The law doesn’t allow you to carry that sleeping mat!” <sup>11</sup> But he replied, “The man who healed me told me, ‘Pick up your mat and walk.’”



## John 5

12 “Who said such a thing as that?” they demanded. 13

The man didn't know, for Jesus had disappeared into the crowd.







The wholeness Jesus offers is distinct  
from a life of religious obligation





## John 5

<sup>14</sup> But afterward Jesus found him in the Temple and told him, “Now you are well; so stop sinning, or something even worse may happen to you.” <sup>15</sup> Then the man went and told the Jewish leaders that it was Jesus who had healed him.



**Jesus makes us whole so that  
we can live a better kind of life**





A person stands in a dark space, illuminated by a vertical beam of light that descends from the top of the frame. The person is positioned at the bottom of the beam, looking upwards. The background is a dark, textured surface, possibly a wall or a large object, with the light creating a strong contrast and highlighting the person's silhouette.

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