

important men like the synagogue officials. Until now, he had been just a wretched being, lying on a mat by the pool, ignored by everyone. Now, he was wanted and valued by the respectable people of society. He wanted to savor that feeling, even if it meant he would have to speak against the One who had given him this new lease of life... How ungrateful some people can be to those who bestowed kindness and mercy upon them!

