Notes – Rejected - Rejected By God

John 5 NASB

1After these things there was a feast of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

2Now in Jerusalem, by the Sheep Gate, there is a pool which in Hebrew is called Bethesda, having five porticoes.

3In these porticoes lay a multitude of those who were sick, blind, limping, orparalyzed.

5Now a man was there who had been ill for thirty-eight years.

6Jesus, upon seeing this man lying there and knowing that he had already been in that condition for a long time, \*said to him, “Do you want to get well?”

7The sick man answered Him, “Sir, I have no man to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up, but while I am coming, another steps down before me.”

8Jesus \*said to him, “Get up, pick up your Mat and walk.”

9Immediately the man became well, and picked up his Mat and began to walk.

**9**Immediately the man became well, and picked up his pallet and *began* to walk.

Now it was a Sabbath on that day.

**10**So the Jews were saying to the man who was cured, “It is a Sabbath, and it is not permissible for you to carry your pallet.” **11**But he answered them, “He who made me well was the one who said to me, ‘Pick up your pallet and walk.’” **12**They asked him, “Who is the man who said to you, ‘Pick *it* up and walk’?”**13**But the man who was healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had slipped away while there was a crowd in *that* place. **14**Afterward, Jesus \*found him in the temple and said to him, “Behold, you have become well; do not sin anymore, so that nothing worse happens to you.” **15**The man went away, and informed the Jews that it was Jesus who had made him well. **16**For this reason the Jews were persecuting Jesus, because He was doing these things on a Sabbath. **17**But He answered them, “My Father [[g](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=John+5&version=NASB#fen-NASB-26220g)]is working until now, and I Myself am working.”

There was a festival – people were festive and celebrating everyone except thos in under the 5 porticoes.

The Pool of Bethesda (Aramaic for “House of Mercy”) was a spring-fed pool just north of the temple.

It was a place that people went for healing. They went there and waited for years to be made well.

Jesus went directly to those who felt abandoned and rejected by God.

**Jesus asked, Do You Want to Get Well?**

**Jesus understands when our desire to be healed is gone.**

Complaining and giving reasons to Jesus the Healer.

When our focus is on another solution instead of Jesus.

Believing Your Healer Is Someone and Something Else.

**When You Believe You’re Rejected By God**

**Your Reasons Become Your Only Reality**

I’m Rejected By God

I’m Paralyzed And Can’t Get In On My Own

There’s No One To Help Me

There’s Always Someone Else Who Steps In Before Me

God Interrupts His Cycle Of Rejection

Jesus Tells Him First To Get Up

**God created us to get up and walk, not to lie down in disappointment and defeat.**

**Jesus Gives An Impossible Command To Obey When**

**We Need a breakthrough moment to believe the impossible.**

The world had changed but he had remained the same. 38 years ago our world was so different than it is today.

I was Always Second Until I was First. I got to go to Provincials but I didn’t get to compete in the competition that I was first in. But I lived that day in first place.

Jesus rejects The Superstitions & False Beliefs of The Miraculous Pool

Immediately Made Well

**Jesus Then Tells Him To Pick Up The Mat**

What To Pick Up

**Pick Up Your Mat – You Won’t Depend On This Ever Again**

**Pick Up Your Mat – That’s Not Who You Are Anymore**

**Pick Up Your Mat – You Won’t Ever Be Coming Back**

**Leave This Place of Rejection Behind**

Jesus Was All You Ever Needed

Listen For His Command

The law demanded that he not carry his Mat and that he lie down again.

Jesus had told him to carry it on the Sabbath!

**Superstition & Religion tells you to lie down on your Mat And Rest.**

**Jesus Tells You To Get Up, Pick Up Your Mat and Walk!**

“Jesus found [the man] in the temple, and said to him, ‘See, you have been made well. Sin no more, lest a worse thing come upon you’” ([John 5:14](https://www.bibleref.com/John/5/John-5-14.html)).

Matthew 27:46 NASB

46And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, “Eli, Eli, lema sabaktanei?” that is, “My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?”

# Matthew 16:24-25 NASB

24Then Jesus said to His disciples, “If anyone wants to come after Me, he must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow Me.

25For whoever wants to save his life will lose it; but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it.

**That’s Why Picking Up Our Mat Is Picking Up Our Cross**

**You Carry Your Story of Past Illness And Healing.**

What Seems Like Our Rejection Is Really Our Acceptance

**All We Need Is Jesus – Everyday He’s All We Need.**