

Chapter XXI - *“Bethesda and the Sanhedrin”*

- A.** Read [John 5:1-9](#). Why did Jesus choose to work this miracle on the Sabbath? What prevented Him from healing all the people at the pool? How did Jesus’ words and the man’s actions work together in the process of this great miracle? What implications does this have for your own personal exercise of faith?
- B.** Since Satan could not overthrow Christ in the wilderness, what was his next strategy? Does the strongest opposition to genuine faith usually come from believers or unbelievers? Why?
- C.** What prevented the Jews of John’s day from believing and accepting the message of Christ?

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1. Why didn’t Jesus heal all those at the pool? (Page 201-202)
2. Why did Jesus chose this man? (Pages 202)
3. Was it right that Jesus gave the man no assurance of divine help? (Page 203)
4. Afterward, how was the healed man treated by the religious leaders and why? (Page 203)
5. How did these “religious” people treat others in relation to the Sabbath? (Page 204)
6. How did Satan attack Jesus’ work after his failure in the wilderness? (Page 205)
7. Why did Jesus have the man carry his bed on the Sabbath? Was that wrong? (Page 206)
8. If Jesus did not come into the world to condemn the world, who did? What did Jesus come into the world to do? (Page 210)
9. Why didn’t the Jews understand the scripture in regard to Jesus? (Page 212)
10. How did the teachings of Christ not coincide with the Jews? (Page 213)
11. Personal views: List a favorite section from the reading or some new thought.