

5 Some time later, Jesus went up to Jerusalem for one of the Jewish festivals. ² Now there is in Jerusalem near the Sheep Gate a pool, which in Aramaic is called Bethesda and which is surrounded by five covered colonnades. ³ Here a great number of disabled people used to lie – the blind, the lame, the paralysed.

John 5: 1-20

⁵ One who was there had been an invalid for thirty-eight years. ⁶ When Jesus saw him lying there and learned that he had been in this condition for a long time, he asked him, 'Do you want to get well?'

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⁷ 'Sir,' the invalid replied, 'I have no one to help me into the pool when the water is stirred. While I am trying to get in, someone else goes down ahead of me.'

⁸ Then Jesus said to him, 'Get up! Pick up your mat and walk.'

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⁹ At once the man was cured; he picked up his mat and walked.

The day on which this took place was a Sabbath, ¹⁰ and so the Jewish leaders said to the man who had been healed, 'It is the Sabbath; the law forbids you to carry your mat.'

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¹¹ But he replied, ‘The man who made me well said to me, “Pick up your mat and walk.”’

¹² So they asked him, ‘Who is this fellow who told you to pick it up and walk?’

¹³ The man who was healed had no idea who it was, for Jesus had slipped away into the crowd that was there.

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¹⁴ Later Jesus found him at the temple and said to him, 'See, you are well again. Stop sinning or something worse may happen to you.' ¹⁵ The man went away and told the Jewish leaders that it was Jesus who had made him well.
The authority of the Son

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¹⁶ So, because Jesus was doing these things on the Sabbath, the Jewish leaders began to persecute him. ¹⁷ In his defence Jesus said to them, 'My Father is always at his work to this very day, and I too am working.'

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18 For this reason they tried all the more to kill him; not only was he breaking the Sabbath, but he was even calling God his own Father, making himself equal with God.

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¹⁹ Jesus gave them this answer: ‘Very truly I tell you, the Son can do nothing by himself; he can do only what he sees his Father doing, because whatever the Father does the Son also does. ²⁰ For the Father loves the Son and shows him all he does. Yes, and he will show him even greater works than these, so that you will be amazed.

John 5: 1-20

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An intriguing passage

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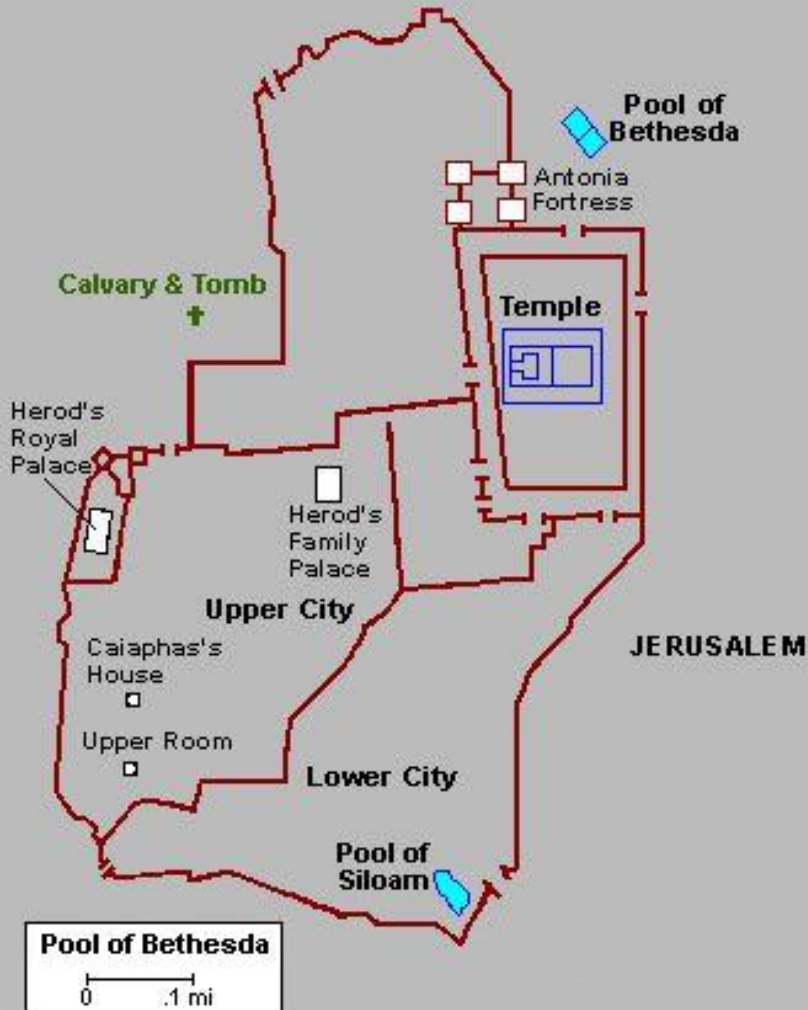
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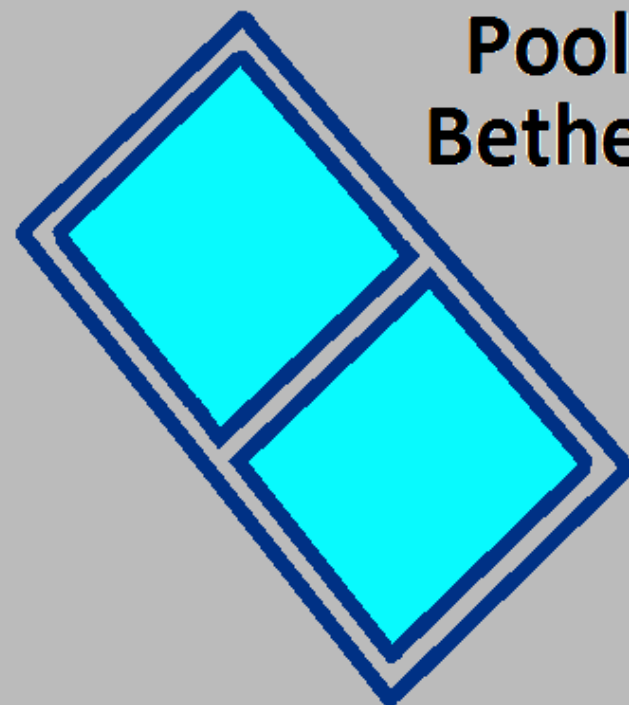
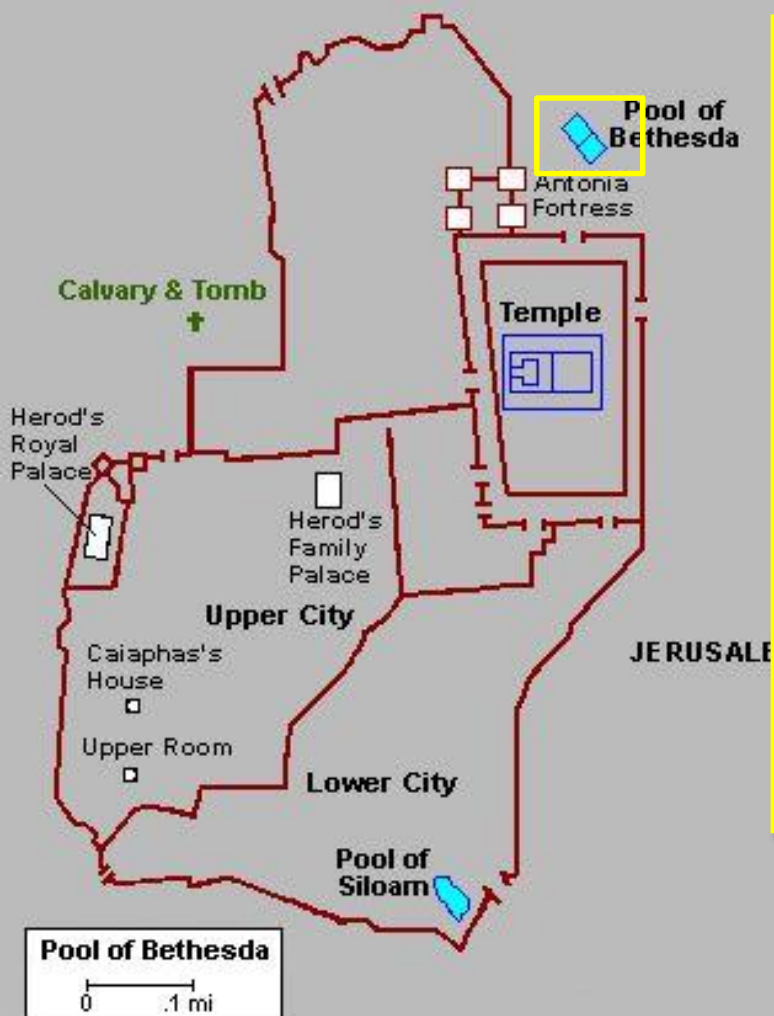


Pool of Bethesda
archaeological site
with multiple layers
of history

Pool of Bethesda

outside city walls
in 1st century Jerusalem





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What happened

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What happened

- Challenging the Sabbath

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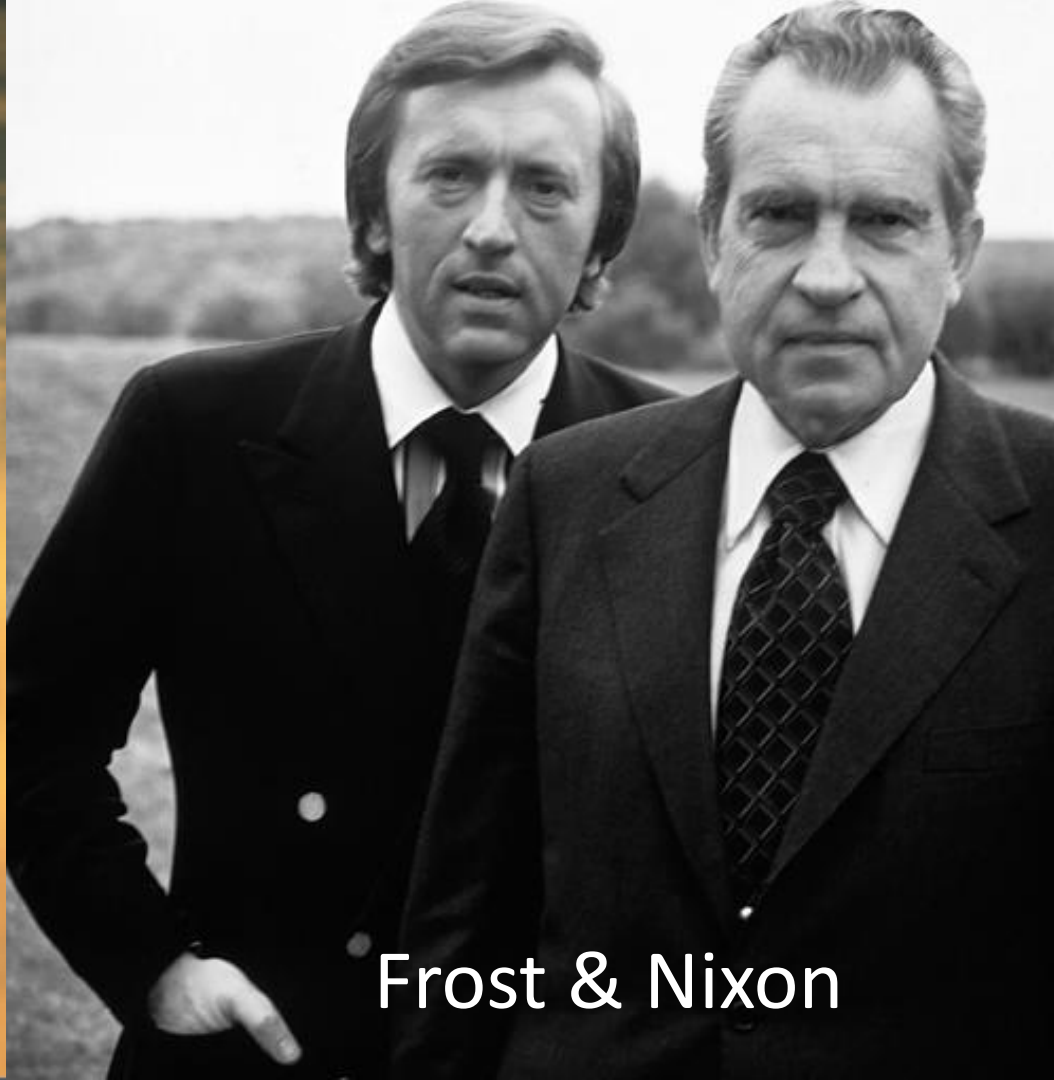
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Looking at the teaching in two ways:

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- **Missiological**
concerning how we go
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implications: 1. Jesus not working on his own

“Very truly I tell you, the Son can do nothing by himself; he can only do what he sees the father doing” (John 5:19)

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Christologically – Jesus is just like God

Missiologically – we can be just like Jesus

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implications: 1. Jesus not working on his own
2. healings are not an end in themselves



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