



March 15, 2020
SERMON NOTES
John 5:16-18



I. Introduction

- A. Sometimes religious people interpret a sacred text in such a way that they actually withhold _____ or even mistreat another person.
- B. John didn't follow Jesus because of faith. John followed Jesus because of what he _____ and what he heard.

II. The Healing on the Sabbath (Sign 3)

- A. These were the most _____ people at the pool of Bethesda.
- B. When what's best for people is no longer what's most important to you, you are at odds with _____.
- C. When you choose to follow Jesus, religion will lose its _____ on you.
- D. _____ says:
 - 1) Do you want to know what God is really like? Watch me!
 - 2) Do you know what God would actually say? Listen to me!
 - 3) Do you want to know what God would actually do? Follow me!

III. Compassion over Religion

- A. In a world filled with political, moral, religious, and ideological ideas and assumptions, God made it simple, he _____ up.
- B. The person beside you must take _____ over the potentially flawed view you carry around inside of you.
- C. Does your version of _____ or **politics** get in the way of loving people God loves?

Things I would like to remember about this message:

Asbury Daily Study Guide

INTRODUCTION

Just outside of Jerusalem, Jesus performed a miracle that changed a man's life forever. For 38 years, this man was unable to walk. But when Jesus said, "Get up," the man was healed. However, it's what Jesus said next that made this miracle a clear sign of who Jesus really was.

Monday: Matthew 22:36-40

Jesus made it clear that the 613 Jewish Laws God gave to Moses all revolve around these two commandments. What is one law or cultural expectation in our world that you wish was different?

Tuesday: John 5:1-6

Before healing him, Jesus asks the man, "Do you want to get well?" Why do you think Jesus asked him that?

Wednesday: John 5:1-9

In verse 9, notice how quickly the author (John) pivots from the miraculous healing to the fact that this happened on the Sabbath. What does this say about the main reason John captured this story?

Thursday: John 5:1-21

Verses 16–18 lay the groundwork for why religious leaders were at odds with Jesus. What do their comments tell you about their religious priorities?

Friday: John 5:39-40

Has there ever been a time that your version of Christianity got in the way of loving people that God loves?

MOVING FORWARD

When your version of religion gets in the way of love, you have the wrong version. The person beside you must take priority over the potentially flawed religious view you have.

Answers to the sermon notes: IA) compassion, B) saw

IIA) desperate, B) God, C) grip, D) Jesus

IIIA) showed, B) priority, C) religion