

Read John
5:1-15



Pool of Bethesda-House of Mercy

John uses the word “Astheneia”
which is translated;
without strength or power.
Both spiritually and physically,
the people were in need
of God’s mercy.

This pool was located near the Sheep Gate. Some historians record that the attributes of the healing waters began during the time frame after Jesus' birth.

Archaeologists have discovered a pool next to the sheep's gate that is fed by underground springs.

The springs periodically would erupt and disperse a sediment that apparently had a medicinal effect on those who were to bathe in its water.



Five porches:

Many historians refer to five porches representing the “Torah,” or five Books of Moses or books of the law stating their inability to heal or save individuals, requiring the presence of water or the Spirit.



Verse 4 Omitted in
many translations.

Why would there be
a multitude gather
at this pool?

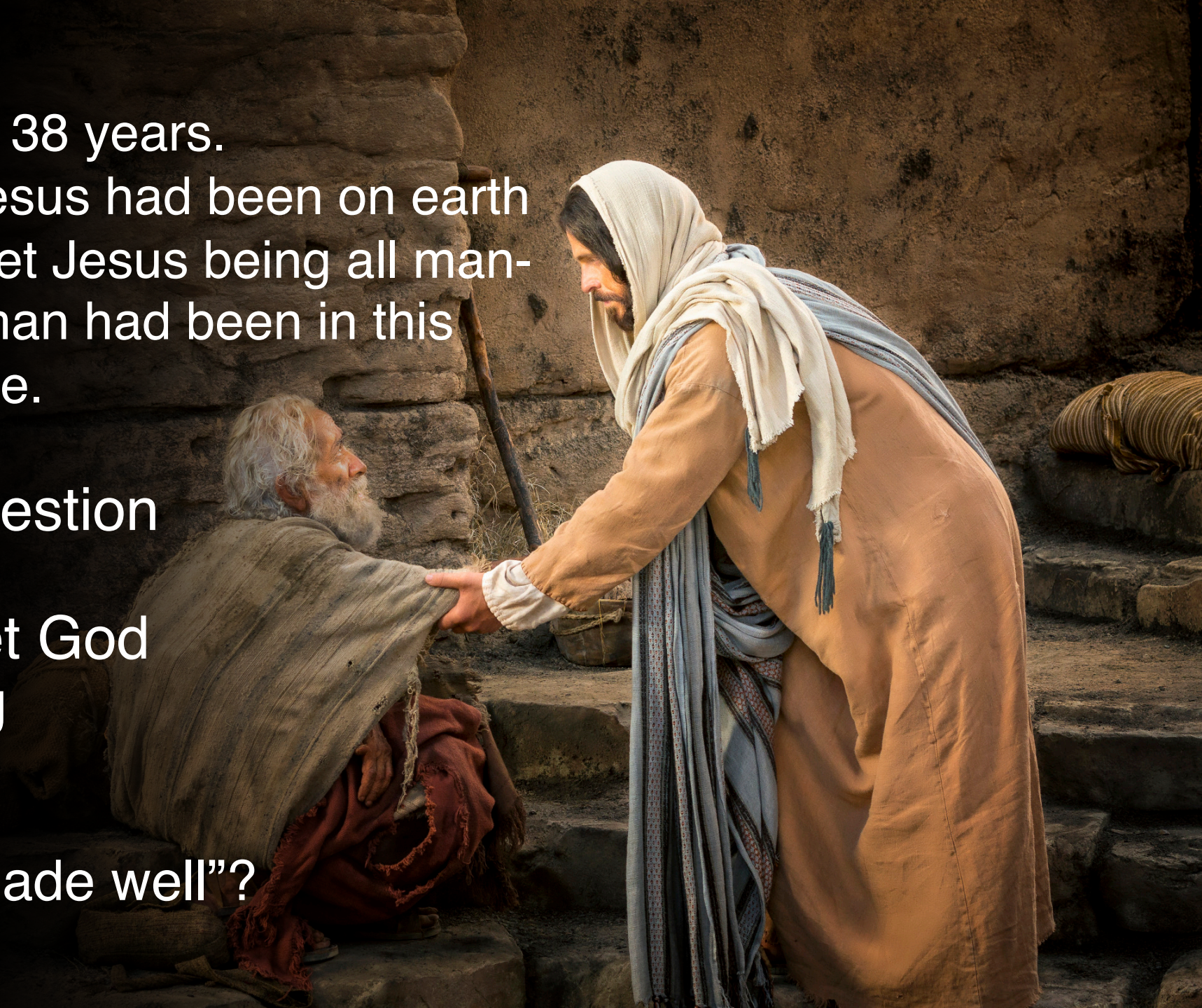
Verse 5

A man with infirmity for 38 years.

A period longer than Jesus had been on earth in the form of a man. Yet Jesus being all man—yet all God knew this man had been in this condition (?) a long time.

So Jesus ask's a question that might seem unnecessary and yet God never does anything unnecessary;

“Do you want to be made well”?



This man's answer,
verse 7.
Before we go on to
verse 8
Can we take a brief
look at the man's
answer?



Jesus answered the man by giving three commands

1. Rise

2. Take up your bed

3. Walk

God's word records "Immediately" he was healed and took up his bed and walked



This healing occurred, “was performed and received” on the Sabbath; by Jesus-God.

This was not “lawful” according to the Jewish Pharisaical law.

Question?

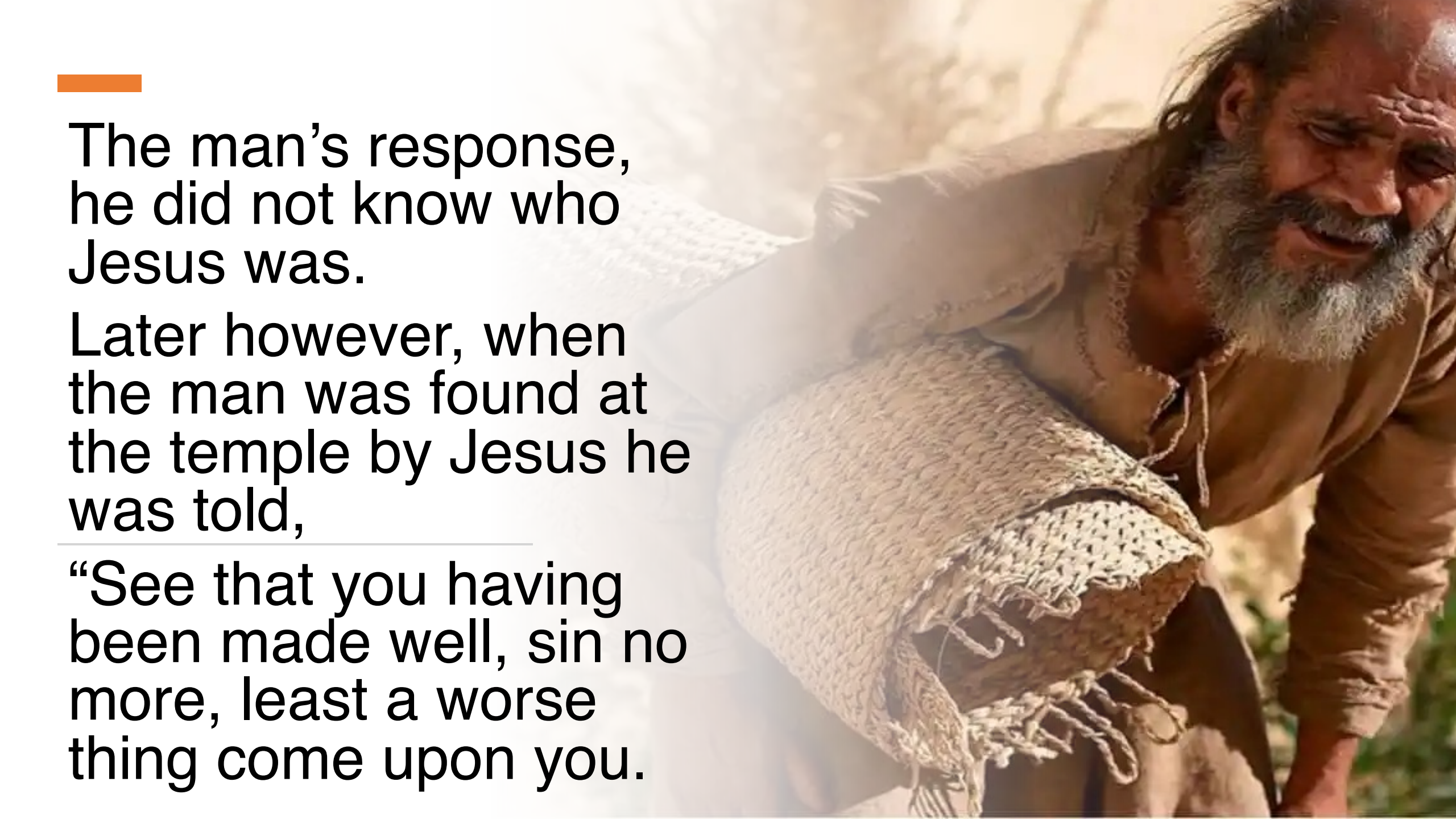
Which is more important,
“Keeping the rules-law or being healed?”



When asked by the Pharisees “Who is the man who said to you, take up your bed and walk?”

He did not need just any man, he needed Jesus





The man's response,
he did not know who
Jesus was.

Later however, when
the man was found at
the temple by Jesus he
was told,

“See that you having
been made well, sin no
more, lest a worse
thing come upon you.

“The Big Idea”

1. Acknowledge God's presence.
2. Believe His voice.
3. Receive His instructions
4. Take action, put forth effort, step beyond the known experience.
5. Follow His leading-His Word. Obey