

**John 5:10-16**  
*"The Miracle Before the Storm!"*

INTRO: In what way is the miracle in John 4 similar to the sign that is described in John 5?

In what ways are these historical miracle accounts different?

3 major characters in John 5 illustrate Three Unforgettable Lessons:

The Pity and Power of JESUS highlights

1) *the Reasonable Response of Faith.*

A Hardhearted CRIPPLE highlights

2) *the Nonsensical Folly of Unbelief.*

The Blind Guides of JUDAISM highlight

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## **For Further Reflection to help apply the truth of this sermon to your daily life**

How did your conversations with unbelievers go this week concerning what superstitions they believe in and why? What did you learn? Did you have a chance to talk about last week's sermon (Superstitions, Unbelief, and the Pity and Power of Jesus) with anyone? Are you reaching out to the lost? Are you praying for opportunities to be a faithful witness of Christ? (Acts 1:8; Mark 16:15; 2 Cor. 5:11-21). Those who grow cold in terms of personal evangelism/local outreach may find that the Gospel of John will begin to bore them; (John is an evangelistic book that is intentionally quite repetitive). Personal application is absolutely critical (James 1:18-25) and is part of parcel of what expository listening is. Home care groups try and devote time to this spiritual discipline.

Talk about some of the practical implications if someone has great pity (compassion) but no power to do anything about it. What if someone has the power to do/change something but does not have any pity/compassion? Jesus is full of pity and has unlimited power (as the Divine Son of God). How have you experienced the pity and power of Christ in your Christian life recently (or in the distant past)?

When you encounter someone that is really hurting/burdened but do not have the resources to do something about it (such as a child with cancer), does this drive you to your knees? To look up for hope and help? Why "bother" with prayer? Jer. 32:27; James 5:16; Eph. 3:20-21; Luke 1:37.

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What is meant by the phrases: 1) "The Reasonable Response of faith?" 2) "The Nonsensical Folly of Unbelief?" 3) "The Devastating Grip of False Religion?"

Closely related: In what ways is genuine trusting faith in Christ a reasonable response to the pity and power of the Savior?

When is the last time you personally encouraged nonsensical unbelief?

What are some of the ways you have witnessed false religion hold often well intentioned unbelievers in bondage? Why do false religions not preach the real Christ in all His glory, power, and truth? Why are man-made rules often elevated above and beyond that of the Scriptures? Give some examples of legalism that you have personally encountered (or been guilty of)?

All believers should leave with renewed gratitude and appreciation. The Lord has crowned our lives with loving-kindness. Goodness and mercy have followed us all the days of our life and the best is yet to come. What praise songs/hymns spotlight the pity and power of Jesus? Put those on your playlist this week as you meditate on what you learned today.