

Healing At Pool Of Bethesda

John 5:1-29

Part 1

Introduction.

1. This is the 3rd sign recorded by John. (Jn. 2:1-11, 4:41-46).
2. He had mentioned other signs without any details. (Jn. 2:23; 3:2).

Jn. 2:23 Now when He was in Jerusalem at the Passover, during the feast, many believed in His name, observing His signs which He was doing.

Jn. 3:2 this man came to Jesus by night and said to Him, "Rabbi, we know that You have come from God *as* a teacher; for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him."

Jesus Attends A Feast Of The Jews

John 5:1 After these things there was a feast of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

1. John did not give his readers the name of this feast, but called it "a feast of the Jews."
 - a. Literally the Greek has "feast" without an article.
 - b. It seems to be a reference to one of the Jewish religious holidays, but there is no way of knowing what feast John had in mind.
2. Many have assumed it was the "Passover feast," and have used this verse to determine the length of Christ's ministry.
 - a. It is most commonly believed to have been about 3 1/2 years.
 - b. John mentioned by name the Passover three different times.
 - 1) 1st Passover - Jn. 2:13, 23
 - 2) 2nd Passover? - Jn. 5:1 - Word "Passover" not used.
 - 3) 2nd or 3rd Passover - Jn. 6:4
 - 4) 3rd or 4th Passover - Jn. 11:55; 12:1; 13:1
3. If the feast in John 5:1 was a Passover feast, the ministry of Christ was about 3 1/2 years.
4. If the feast in John 5:1 was not a Passover feast, the ministry of Christ was about 2 1/2 years.
5. Though it is impossible to be sure, it seems very unlikely John was referring to the Passover feast in John 5:1 since it was his habit of mentioning the Passover feast by name.