

SERMON NOTES



Signs!

“Beyond Superstition!”

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- **They believed because they were...**
- 1. John did not write what was _____ . He wrote what was _____ .**
- **The superstitious people - vs. 1-9**

5 Some time later, Jesus went up to Jerusalem for a feast of the Jews. 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 paralyzed. 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?”

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

- 2. Jesus’ miracles _____ the _____
of superstitious people.**

- **The super-religious people - vs. 9-16**

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

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.

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 Jews that it was Jesus who had made him well.

**3. Jesus' miracles _____ the _____
of super-religious people.**

- **The crossed-over people - John 5:24**

²⁴ "I tell you the truth, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be condemned; he has crossed over from death to life.

**4. The _____ to believe delivers the _____
to believe.**

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SERMON QUESTIONS: Apply to My Life

1. Why do you think people latch onto superstitions?
2. How would you respond to the idea that faith is only for the superstitious and the super-religious?
3. Read John 5:5-7. What can you tell about this man based on the way he interacted with Jesus? What do you have in common with him?
4. Read John 5:8-10. While this miracle benefited the man who was healed, it was really part of a bigger story. What did Jesus want to accomplish through this miracle?
5. How do you know if you are praying in a way that incorporates the bigger story of what God wants to do in this world?
6. Do you want to be known as a religious person, or is there a different term that would better describe the way you want people to see you?
7. How do you think those who believe & follow Jesus can best witness to those who have unbelief or disbelief in Jesus?

DIGGING DEEPER: Apply to My Life

Scripture: *(Use one from the message this week)*

Observation: *(What stood out about this verse? What do you notice?)*

Application: *(How can you apply this verse in your life today? How can you live in light of this truth?)*

Prayer: *(Turn your thoughts into prayer. Ask the Lord to show you how to believe and live this verse. Pray for people and situations in your life.)*