



International Bible Study Commentary

Verse-by-Verse Bible Lessons Thru the Bible

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John 5:1-9 Scripture Handout New International Version

Assign each person in the class one or more verses to study.
Each person should answer these two questions on their assigned verse.

1. What does this verse say?
 2. What does this verse mean to me?
- Discuss your answers with the class.

(John 5:1) Some time later, Jesus went up to Jerusalem for one of the Jewish festivals.

(John 5:2) 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.

(John 5:3) Here a great number of disabled people used to lie—the blind, the lame, the paralyzed.

(John 5:4) [Omitted from NIV & NRSV and the oldest Greek manuscripts] For an angel went down at a certain season into the pool, and troubled the water: whosoever then first after the troubling of the water stepped in was made whole of whatsoever disease he had. [Inserted from the KJV]

(John 5:5) One who was there had been an invalid for thirty-eight years.

(John 5:6) 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?”

(John 5:7) “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.”

(John 5:8) Then Jesus said to him, “Get up! Pick up your mat and walk.”

(John 5:9) At once the man was cured; he picked up his mat and walked. The day on which this took place was a Sabbath,

Write out the verse or verses you have been assigned below:

Answer These Questions for Class Discussion or Personal Study

1. What does the verse say?
2. What does the verse mean to me?