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There Has Got To  
Be More...

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## JOHN 20:30-31 (NIV)

<sup>30</sup> Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. <sup>31</sup> But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.





## JOHN 5:1-16 (NIV)

Some time later, Jesus went up to Jerusalem for one of the Jewish festivals. <sup>2</sup> 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. <sup>3</sup> Here a great number of disabled people used to lie—the blind, the lame, the paralyzed.





## JOHN 5:1-16 (NIV)

<sup>5</sup> One who was there had been an invalid for thirty-eight years. <sup>6</sup> 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?”

<sup>7</sup> “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 5:1-16 (NIV)

<sup>8</sup> Then Jesus said to him, "Get up! Pick up your mat and walk."

<sup>9</sup> At once the man was cured; he picked up his mat and walked.

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





## JOHN 5:1-16 (NIV)

<sup>11</sup> But he replied, “The man who made me well said to me, ‘Pick up your mat and walk.’ ”

<sup>12</sup> So they asked him, “Who is this fellow who told you to pick it up and walk?”

<sup>13</sup> The man who was healed had no idea who it was, for Jesus had slipped away into the crowd that was there.





## JOHN 5:1-16 (NIV)

<sup>14</sup> 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." <sup>15</sup> The man went away and told the Jewish leaders that it was Jesus who had made him well.

<sup>16</sup> So, because Jesus was doing these things on the Sabbath, the Jewish leaders began to persecute him.





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**WHERE ARE  
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JOURNEY?**





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"Then Jesus told him, 'Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed'"





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- **Hands open to serve**





**Is there anyone God  
has placed across  
your path  
WHO NEEDS THE  
COMPASSION OF  
JESUS IN THEIR LIFE?**



