

## Adventure at the City Pool John 5.1-17

### Some random guy...

A stranger asks the strangest of questions, "Do you want to get well?"

### Pick up your mat...

And then, without any further discussion, this stranger says, "Get up! Pick up your mat and walk," ...and the man's life changes.

In John's gospel Jesus' miracles are described as "signs," that point to who Jesus is.

John focuses on Jesus' unique power and authority.

What could be the problem with someone who heals people?

### What do you see?

"...the Jewish leaders said to the man who had been healed, "It is the Sabbath; the law forbids you to carry your mat." But he replied, "The man who made me well said to me, 'Pick up your mat and walk.'"

To the man from the pool Jesus is, "The man who healed me." To the religious leaders Jesus is, "The man who told him to pick up his mat."

What you see is shaped by where you stand, and what you value.

What shapes how you see Jesus?

Who is Jesus to you this morning?

### Sabbath problems

"The day on which this took place was a Sabbath."

For religious Jews, Sabbath is a huge deal. (Ex 20.8-11)

They weren't allowed to work on the Sabbath, so they developed rules for what counted as work. But in the process of trying to define "work" they went to extremes.