SERIES: Gospel of John

The Lord of Sickness and Sabbath

John 5:1-18

Jesus is Lord over Sickness (5:1-9)

- Jesus seeks out a lame man at the pool of Bethesda.
 - Jesus' knowledge of us is perfect.
 - o Jesus' compassion towards us is great.
 - Jesus' <u>power</u> for us is immediate and strong.
- Jesus heals the man completely.
 - This was not a <u>fake</u> healing.
 - This was not a <u>faith</u> healing.
 - This was a <u>free</u> healing.
 - o This was a **full** healing.

Jesus Heals for the Sake of Holiness (5:10-15)

- Physical healing in this life is always a <u>gift</u> and never a <u>guarantee</u>.
- Not all **<u>suffering</u>** is the result of **<u>sin</u>**. However, sometimes suffering is caused by specific sin.
- God cares more about our holiness than he does our healing.
- It is better to die of sickness and go to <u>Heaven</u> than to be healed and go to <u>Hell</u>.

Jesus is Lord of the Sabbath (5:16-18)

- The Jews only cared about their man-made traditions.
 - The heart of legalism is a love for laws more than the **Law-giver**.
 - The Jews loved their rules more than they loved God's rules.
 - The Jews loved their rules more than they loved **people**.
 - The Sabbath was meant to be a <u>blessing</u> to people, but they had made it a <u>burden</u>.
- The lame man only cared about saving his skin.
- Jesus only cared about doing the works of his Father.
 - Jesus works on the Sabbath because his Father is always working.
 - Jesus did instantly what the Father is always doing slowly.
 - Jesus works on the Sabbath because he is equal with the Father.
 - Jesus does not say "The" Father, but "My" Father...
 - Because of this statement...
 - Jesus the Lord of sickness would die to secure our eternal **remedy**.
 - Jesus the Lord of the Sabbath would be raised to give us eternal <u>rest</u>.

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