# **Spiritually Crippled**

John 5:1-16

#### Intro: Jesus as the Master Evangelist

#### I. The Scene (vv. 1-4)

- A. The pool of Bethesda
- B. A multitude of sick, blind, lame, and withered

### II. The Crippled Man (vv. 5-7)

- A. 38 years
- B. Jesus' question
- C. Hopeless superstition

## III. The Healing (vv. 8-9)

- A. Instantaneous and complete
- B. Jesus slips away from the crowd

## IV. The Confrontation (vv. 9b-13)

- A. The healed man is accused of breaking the Sabbath
- B. He points the authorities to Jesus

#### V. The Call to Repentance (vv. 14-16)

- A. Jesus found him in the temple.
- B. The healed man reports Jesus to the authorities.

# Conclusion: Theological considerations

- A. Jesus's selective healing
  - 1. Deuteronomy 29:29 & Job 2:10
- B. "Do not sin anymore, so that nothing worse happens to you."
  - 1. Mark 1:15, Luke 13:1-5, Isaiah 55:7, John 8:34
  - 2. Galatians 5:24, 1 Corinthians 15:10