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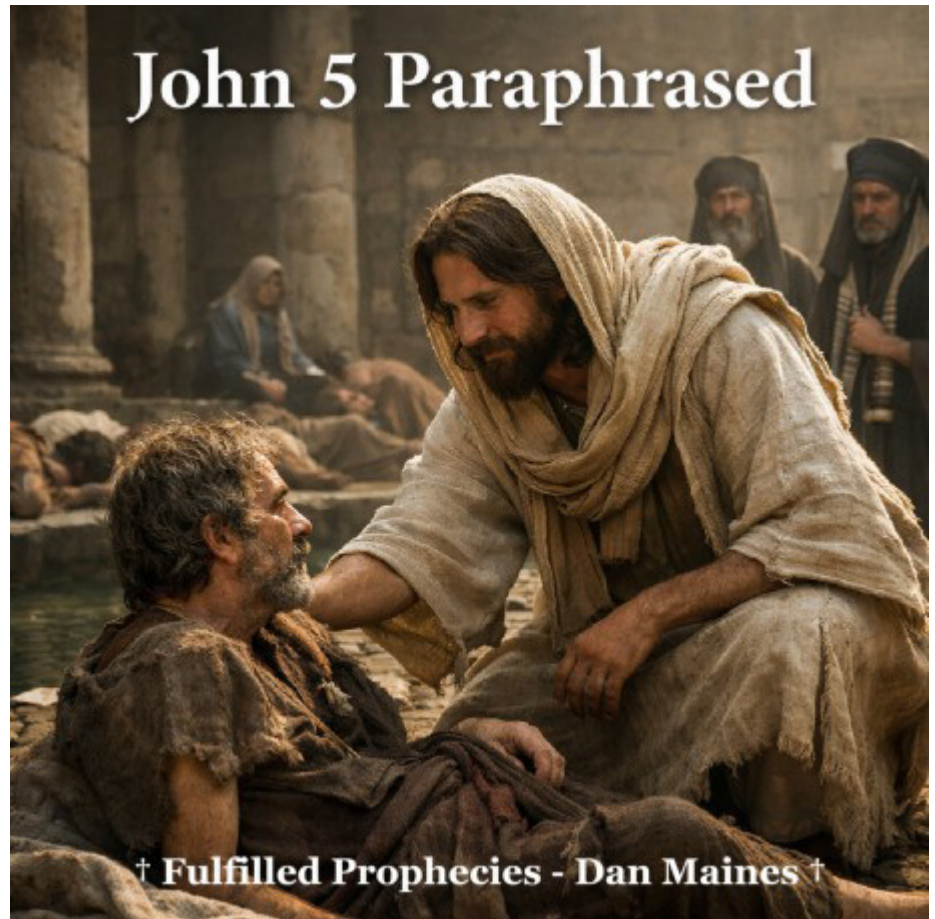
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## John 5 Paraphrased



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### **John 5 Paraphrased**

#### **Introduction**

† Jesus steps into a place full of suffering and shows that real life doesn't come from the system they trusted.

† This chapter reveals His authority over healing, the Sabbath, life, and judgment in their generation.

† The leaders reject Him despite clear evidence, proving their hardened hearts.

#### **John 5:1**

After this, Jesus went up to Jerusalem during a Jewish feast.

† He enters the center of their religious system.

† This is where truth confronts tradition.

† Jerusalem would soon face judgment (Matthew 23:36).

### **John 5:2**

Near the Sheep Gate there was a pool called Bethesda, with five covered areas.

† This place represented hope, yet people remained stuck.

† The five sections point to the Law, present but unable to give life.

† The system could not restore them (Romans 8:3).

### **John 5:3**

A large crowd of sick people lay there, blind, crippled, and unable to move.

† This reflects Israel's spiritual condition.

† They were gathered but not healed.

† They were waiting but not restored (Isaiah 6:9-10).

### **John 5:4**

They believed that when the water was stirred, the first one in would be healed.

† Their hope was tied to effort and timing.

† This shows a system based on striving.

† Jesus replaces that system.

### **John 5:5**

One man had been in that condition for thirty eight years.

† Long suffering without real change.

† It reflects Israel under the Law.

† The system had failed him.

### **John 5:6**

Jesus saw him and knew how long he had been there and asked if he wanted to be made well.

† Jesus calls for response.

† He goes straight to the heart.

† Change requires willingness.

### **John 5:7**

The man said he had no one to help him into the water and others always got there first.

† He depended on others.

† The system favored the strong.

† Jesus removes that barrier.

### **John 5:8**

Jesus told him to get up, pick up his mat, and walk.

† No ritual, just authority.

† Jesus speaks and life responds.

† This shows divine power.

### **John 5:9**

Immediately he was healed, picked up his mat, and walked, and it was the Sabbath.

† Instant healing proves authority.

† The Sabbath sets up conflict.

† Their traditions would be exposed.

### **John 5:10**

The Jews told him it was not lawful to carry his mat on the Sabbath.

† They focused on rules.

† They ignored the miracle.

† This shows blindness.

### **John 5:11**

He said the one who healed him told him to carry it.

† He points to Jesus' authority.

† Christ overrides tradition.

† True authority is revealed.

### **John 5:12**

They asked who told him to do that.

† They wanted control.

† Their question shows suspicion.

† They were not seeking truth.

### **John 5:13**

The man didn't know who Jesus was because He slipped away in the crowd.

† Jesus avoids attention.

† The focus is not spectacle.

† Truth would still spread.

### **John 5:14**

Later Jesus found him and told him to stop sinning so nothing worse would happen.

† Healing connects to change.

† There are greater consequences than sickness.

† This points to judgment.

### **John 5:15**

The man told the Jews that Jesus healed him.

† The truth spreads.

† Tension increases.

† Rejection is exposed.

### **John 5:16**

Because of this, the Jews began persecuting Jesus.

† Their response is hostility.

† They valued tradition over truth.

† This fulfills their pattern.

### **John 5:17**

Jesus said His Father is working and He is working too.

† He claims equality with God.

† Ongoing divine work is revealed.

† This challenges them.

### **John 5:18**

They wanted to kill Him because He made Himself equal with God.

- † They understood His claim.
- † Their response is murder.
- † This shows hardened hearts.

### **John 5:19**

Jesus said He only does what He sees the Father doing.

- † Perfect unity with the Father.
- † No independence.
- † This confirms authority.

### **John 5:20**

The Father loves the Son and shows Him everything, and greater works will come.

- † Love drives revelation.
- † Greater works point ahead.
- † This prepares them.

### **John 5:21**

The Son gives life just as the Father does.

- † Authority over life.
- † Spiritual resurrection.
- † Fulfilled in their time (Ephesians 2:5).

### **John 5:22**

All judgment has been given to the Son.

- † Christ is judge.
- † This includes that generation.
- † Authority is complete.

### **John 5:23**

All must honor the Son or they do not honor the Father.

- † Honor is equal.
- † Rejecting Christ is rejecting God.

† This exposes them.

### **John 5:24**

Whoever believes has passed from death to life.

† Life is present.

† Not future.

† Judgment is avoided.

### **John 5:25**

The time had already come when the dead hear His voice and live.

† Present reality.

† Spiritual resurrection.

† Fulfilled then.

### **John 5:26**

The Son has life in Himself.

† Self-existing life.

† Source of life.

† Divine nature.

### **John 5:27**

He has authority to judge as the Son of Man.

† Daniel 7 fulfilled.

† Authority to judge.

† Applied to that generation.

### **John 5:28**

Do not be amazed, all will hear His voice.

† Resurrection language.

† Covenant context.

† Not future distant.

### **John 5:29**

Some rise to life and others to judgment.

† Separation occurs.

† Faithful and unfaithful.

† Fulfilled in judgment.

### **John 5:30**

He judges rightly because He follows the Father's will.

† Perfect judgment.

† Based on God.

† No error.

### **John 5:31**

If He alone testified, it would not be accepted.

† Law required witnesses.

† He meets their standard.

† They still reject.

### **John 5:32**

Another testifies about Him and it is true.

† Refers to the Father.

† Witness is valid.

† Truth confirmed.

### **John 5:33**

They sent to John and he testified to the truth.

† John confirmed Christ.

† They heard it.

† They ignored it.

### **John 5:34**

He says this for their sake so they may be saved.

† His goal is salvation.

† Not self-promotion.

† They still reject.

### **John 5:35**

John was a lamp and they rejoiced for a time.

† Temporary acceptance.

† No lasting faith.

† They moved on.

### **John 5:36**

His works testify greater than John.

† Miracles prove Him.

† The Father sent Him.

† Evidence is clear.

### **John 5:37**

The Father has testified, yet they have not heard or seen Him.

† They lacked understanding.

† They rejected truth.

† They did not know God.

### **John 5:38**

His word does not remain in them because they do not believe.

† Unbelief blocks truth.

† They reject Christ.

† This exposes them.

### **John 5:39**

They search the Scriptures thinking they have life, but they point to Him.

† Scripture points to Christ.

† They missed the purpose.

† Knowledge without belief is useless.

### **John 5:40**

They refuse to come to Him to have life.

† Refusal is the issue.

† Not lack of evidence.

† They chose rejection.

### **John 5:41**

He does not receive glory from men.

† He is not seeking approval.

† His authority stands alone.

† Truth is not dependent on man.

### **John 5:42**

He knows they do not have the love of God in them.

† Their hearts are exposed.

† Love for God is absent.

† This explains their rejection.

### **John 5:43**

He came in His Father's name and they did not receive Him.

† They rejected the true one.

† They would accept false ones.

† This shows deception.

### **John 5:44**

They seek glory from each other instead of God.

† Pride blocks belief.

† They value approval.

† This prevents faith.

### **John 5:45**

Moses accuses them, the one they trust.

† Their own Law condemns them.

† Moses pointed to Christ.

† They ignored it.

### **John 5:46**

If they believed Moses, they would believe Him.

† Moses wrote about Christ.

† Their unbelief is exposed.

† They rejected both.

### **John 5:47**

If they do not believe his writings, they will not believe Jesus.

† Their rejection is complete.

† Evidence does not change them.

† Their hearts are hardened.

### **Historical References**

† Josephus records the destruction of Jerusalem as judgment in that generation.

† Eusebius confirms the fulfillment of Christ's warnings.

† Irenaeus affirms Christ's authority over life and judgment.

### **How it applies to us today**

† Life is found in Christ, not systems.

† We must respond to Him directly.

† Rejecting Him leads to judgment.

### **Q & A Appendix**

**Q** What does the healing show

**A** That life comes directly from Christ, not systems (John 5:8-9)

**Q** Why did they reject Him

**A** They loved tradition and approval more than truth (John 5:44)

**Q** What is the resurrection here

**A** Spiritual life given in that generation (John 5:24-25)

**Q** Who has judgment

**A** The Son has all judgment (John 5:22)

**Q** What was fulfilled

**A** Judgment on that generation (Matthew 23:36)

**† This is the fulfilled perspective we proclaim at Fulfilled Prophecies †**

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