

John # 58 “Everybody Into The Pool” *John 5:1-18*

The purpose of miracles is the same as preaching the Gospel; that is, so that people will be born from above and free from eternal suffering!

The purpose of the Lord Jesus Christ's miracles was not to remove suffering, for if it were He would have failed and that's blasphemous to think of.

Neither rank nor riches exempt one from the sorrows, trials and adversities of life.

WHY DID THE RELIGIOUS LEADERS OF ISRAEL REJECT MESSIAH?

1. Self-righteousness.
2. *They wouldn't face their own sin.*
3. They thought Messiah would come through their religious system.
4. They expected political resurgence over Rome.
5. ***They never dreamed their Messiah would be crucified and die a criminal's death.***
6. Ultimately they were blinded by the sin of their “religion.”

The irony is that when the Lord Jesus Christ is on trial, the whole world goes on trial because the issue remains: “What will you do with this Person who cannot be ignored?”

Religion kills the spirit of joy much in the same way that cancer ravishes a body.

The Pharisees conclude: “We've got a crime on our hands; a Sabbath violation.”

A lame man is healed on Saturday.

A healed man interrogated and a perpetrator identified

The result is an indictment on two counts in vs 16-18.

So in vs 19-47, the Lord Jesus Christ is placed on trial.

The Lord Jesus Christ is put on trial and He presents five witnesses so at the end of John 5 the Lord Jesus Christ is accusing His accusers!

Acts 4:27 “Indeed Herod and Pontius Pilate met together with the Gentiles and the people of Israel in this city to conspire against Your holy servant Jesus, whom You anointed.”

Acts 4:28 “They did what Your power and will had decided beforehand should happen.”

The unbeliever is powerless to see God, to walk with God or to produce for God.