

Listening to God

~ John 5: 1-18 ~

In the Gospel of John, Jesus' miracles are never called "miracles" and instead are referred to as "signs." We are working our way through the 7 signs in John's Gospel and will be looking at sign #3 next.

Sign #3 is about the healing of the man ill for 38 years...

- As is so often the case in scripture, there is so much going on in this brief episode.
- There is Jesus, the sick man, the Jewish leaders, and then there is tension between the leaders and how Jesus acts.
- Because Jesus doesn't behave as the leaders wish, they begin to persecute Him and question Him on a fundamental level. Indeed they seek to kill Him (see John 5 verse 18).

It can be hard to accept and celebrate the movement of God when it doesn't happen how, when, and why we want or expect it to...

- Jesus forever asks us to be open to new possibilities and new ways.
- Jesus forever calls us to be open to the will of God.

May we be open, receptive, and teachable, as we continue to journey in faith and follow our Lord Jesus Christ.