





# The Confrontation

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## **John 5:1-17**

**Some time later, Jesus went up to Jerusalem for one of the Jewish festivals.**

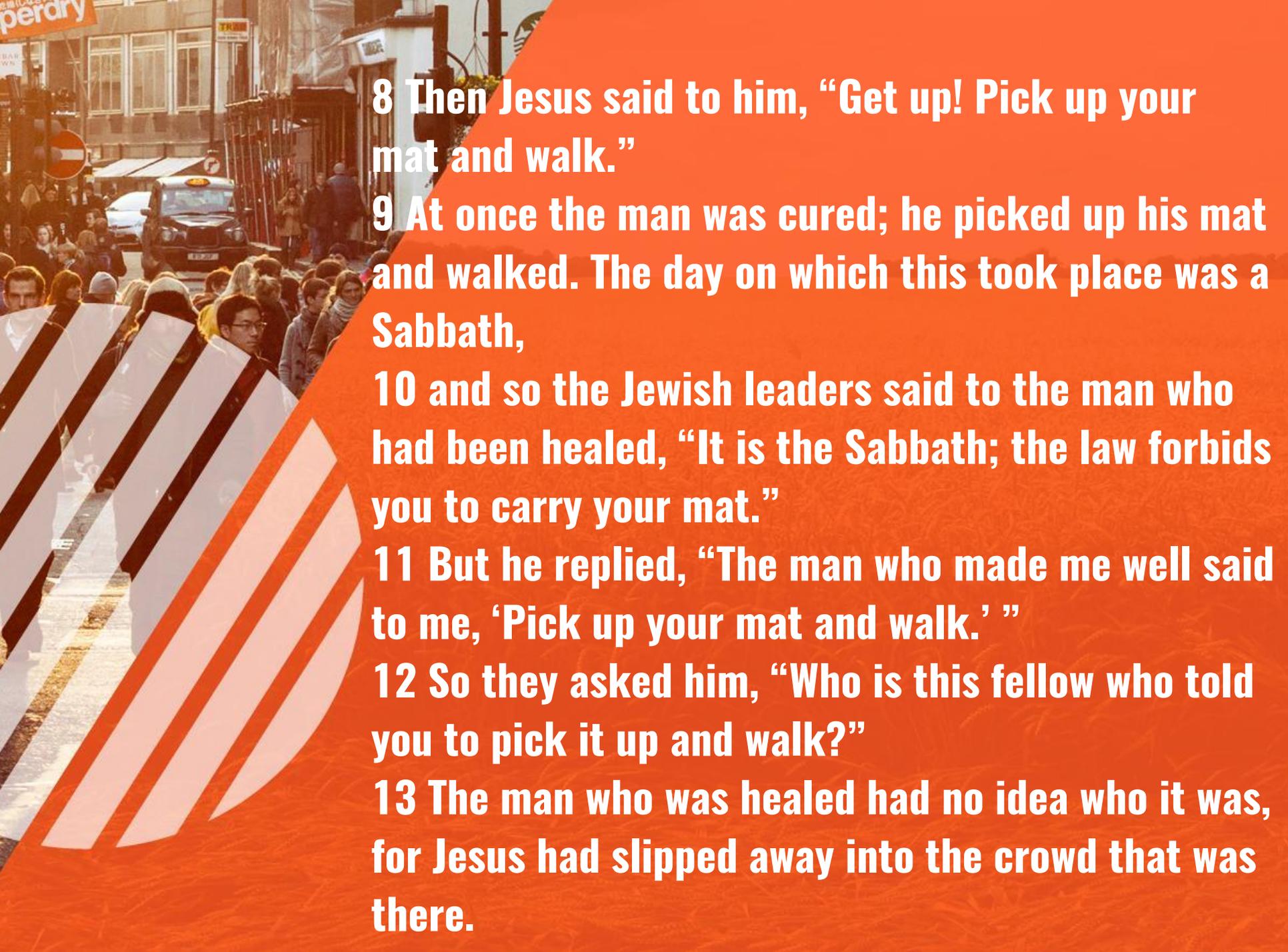
**2 Now there is in Jerusalem near the Sheep Gate a pool, which in Aramaic is called Bethesda and which is surrounded by five covered colonnades.**

**3 Here a great number of disabled people used to lie - the blind, the lame, the paralyzed.**

**5 One who was there had been an invalid for thirty-eight years.**

**6 When Jesus saw him lying there and learned that he had been in this condition for a long time, he asked him, "Do you want to get well?"**

**7 "Sir," the invalid replied, "I have no one to help me into the pool when the water is stirred. While I am trying, someone else goes down ahead of me."**



**8 Then Jesus said to him, “Get up! Pick up your mat and walk.”**

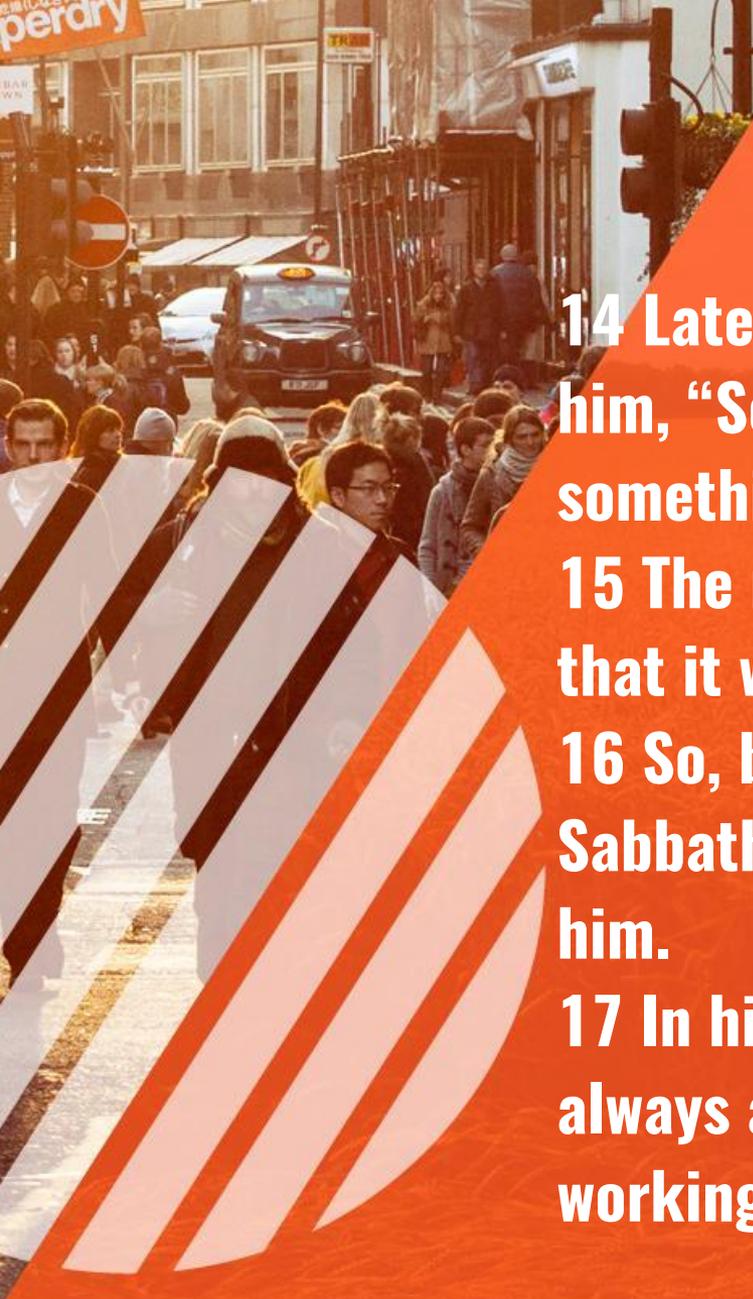
**9 At once the man was cured; he picked up his mat and walked. The day on which this took place was a Sabbath,**

**10 and so the Jewish leaders said to the man who had been healed, “It is the Sabbath; the law forbids you to carry your mat.”**

**11 But he replied, “The man who made me well said to me, ‘Pick up your mat and walk.’ ”**

**12 So they asked him, “Who is this fellow who told you to pick it up and walk?”**

**13 The man who was healed had no idea who it was, for Jesus had slipped away into the crowd that was there.**



**14 Later Jesus found him at the temple and said to him, “See, you are well again. Stop sinning or something worse may happen to you.”**

**15 The man went away and told the Jewish leaders that it was Jesus who had made him well.**

**16 So, because Jesus was doing these things on the Sabbath, the Jewish leaders began to persecute him.**

**17 In his defense Jesus said to them, “My Father is always at his work to this very day, and I too am working.”**



**“Truth carries with it confrontation.  
Truth demands confrontation; loving confrontation,  
but confrontation nevertheless.” - Francis A.  
Schaeffer**

**The test ( of Truth )**

**Our glad response**