

A close-up photograph of a hand holding an open book. The book is held vertically, and bright, golden light rays emanate from the pages, creating a dramatic, ethereal effect. The background is dark, making the light from the book stand out. The text 'BOOK of JOHN' is overlaid on the image in a white, serif font. The word 'BOOK' is in a bold, all-caps font, 'of' is in a smaller, elegant script font, and 'JOHN' is in a bold, all-caps font.

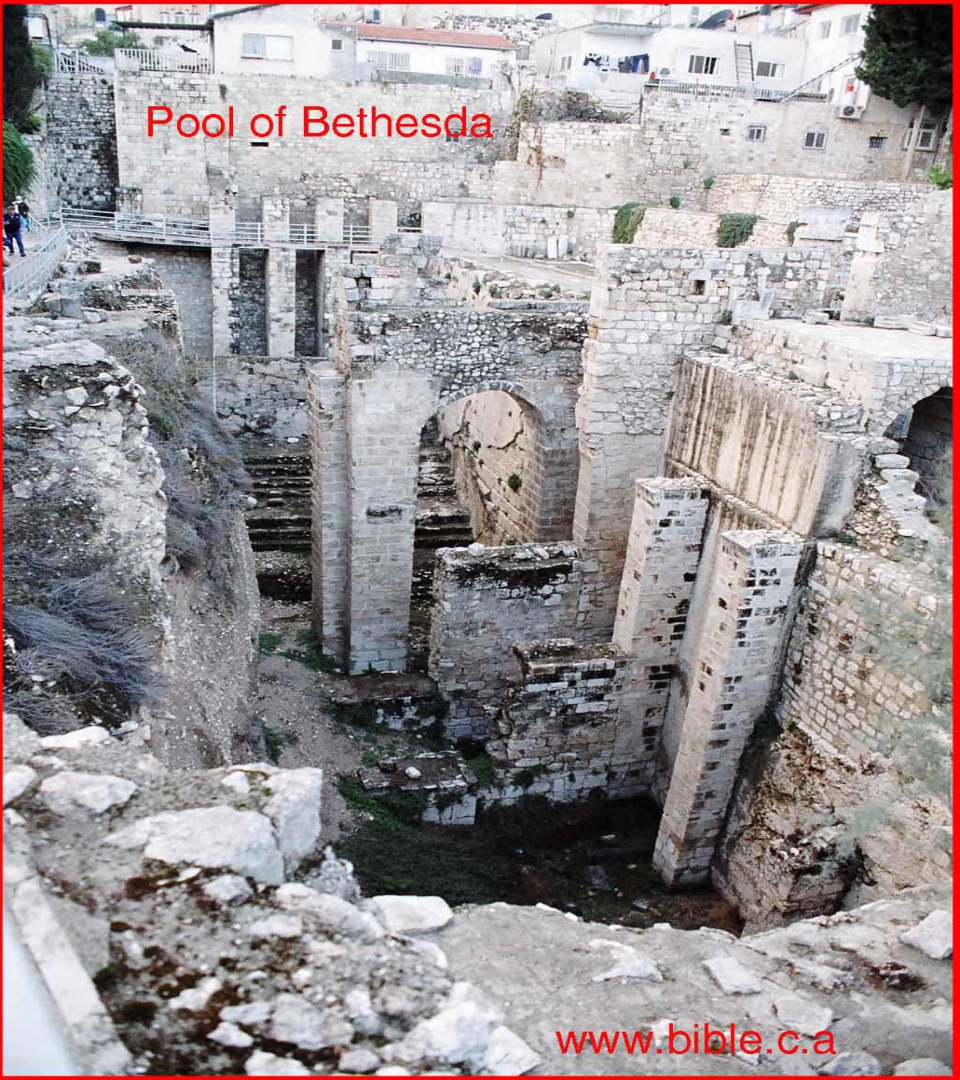
BOOK *of* JOHN



Antonia

**North Temple
Wall**

Pool of Bethesda





REAL FAITH . . . RISE AND WALK

JOHN 5:1-15

- Real faith is faith that gets up and walks.
- Real faith is patient waiting faith.
- Real faith is stirring abiding faith.
- Real faith is healing faith.
- Real faith is in the word of the Lord.

SIN AND SICKNESS

Man's response to choice and free will produces either good fruit or bad.

- Sin is the actual source of human ills and evils; death is the final outcome of the sin in this world.
- The healing of illness was one of the prophesied ministries of the Messiah. **ISA. 35:3-6**
- Grace brought Jesus to the Pool of Bethesda. Who else would want to be near a crowd of sick people?

PEOPLE HAVE MANY EXCUSES

He had been in that sad and sickly condition for so long that his will was just as paralyzed as his body.

- Initially, the truth was he simply did not want to come, he had no faith. **JOHN 5:40**
- Indeed, this man illustrated the tragic spiritual state of the nation of Israel, and every soul without Christ.
- The problem was not the Sabbath, it was spiritual blindness.

LESSONS FROM THE POOL OF FAITH

- That ***Pool of Faith*** was where God's angels preached!
- That ***Pool of Faith*** said God is alive and able to heal on any day.
- That ***Pool of Faith*** was God's pulpit to preach Christ to a lost and dying suffering group of people.
- That ***Pool of Faith*** said God was still listening.
- That ***Pool of Faith*** said God still loved him.

DON'T MISS THE MESSAGE

The proud, pharisaical people immediately misunderstood His motives and accused Him of forgetting the sanctity of God's day.

- And while they were arguing over the do's and don'ts of the law, the great Healer quietly withdrew.
- ***REAL FAITH*** says ***RISE AND WALK*** because God only visited the pool, but He lived at the mercy seat!