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Jesus did for others
to prove
He was sent by God
to do something for everyone

John 5:1-21 (NIV)

- [1] Some time later, Jesus went up to Jerusalem for a feast of the Jews.
- [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 to get in, 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 Jews 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 Jews that it was Jesus who had made him well.
- [16] So, because Jesus was doing these things on the Sabbath, the Jews persecuted him.
- ^[17] Jesus said to them, "My Father is always at his work to this very day, and I, too, am working."
- [18] For this reason the Jews tried all the harder to kill him; not only was he breaking the Sabbath, but he was even calling God his own Father, making himself equal with God.
- ^[19] Jesus gave them this answer: "I tell you the truth, the Son can do nothing by himself; he can do only what he sees his Father doing, because whatever the Father does the Son also does.
- ^[20] For the Father loves the Son and shows him all he does. Yes, to your amazement he will show him even greater things than these.
- ^[21] For just as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, even so the Son gives life to whom he is pleased to give it.

John 5:24 (NIV)

^[24] "I tell you the truth, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be condemned; he has crossed over from death to life.

John 5:39-40 (NIV)

You diligently study the Scriptures because you think that by them you possess eternal life. These are the Scriptures that testify about me,

[40] yet you refuse to come to me to have life.

No matter how low we set the bar, we still don't live up to our own expectations.

Mark 15:31-32 (NIV)

^[31] In the same way the chief priests and the teachers of the law mocked him among themselves. "He saved others," they said, "but he can't save himself!

^[32] Let this Christ, this King of Israel, come down now from the cross, that we may see and believe." Those crucified with him also heaped insults on him.

Jesus was the Father's gift to everyone.

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Jesus did something for you that you can't do for yourself.