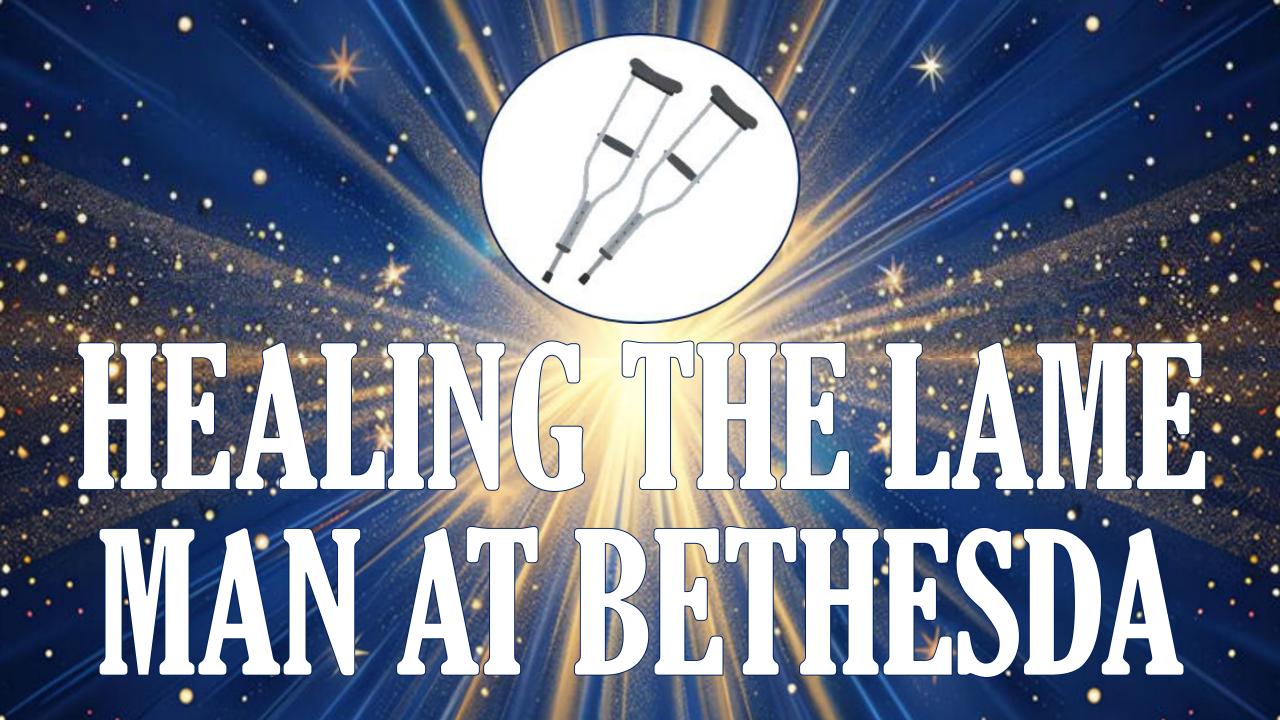


What is implied by the text of this passage is this crippled man had this particular infirmity for nearly his entire life

Although this guy is waiting for a miracle, he's clearly NOT Optimistic that he's going to receive that miracle.



John 5:1

The Sabbath was a day which God designed for rest

When Jesus travels to Jerusalem, you can pretty much guarantee that there will be a confrontation and friction with the religious leaders **John 5:2-4**

What a SAD scene – a HUGE crowd of ALL types of sick people laying around waiting and hoping for a miracle

John 5:5

The entire reason for Jesus going out of His way and going to this pool is because of this specific man

John 5:6-8

In the middle of this pity party, Jesus gives 3 simple commands: "Get up" "Pick up your pallet" "And walk"

John 5:9-10

Isaiah 35:5-6a

Jesus NEVER violated God's law when He healed on the Sabbath, Jesus violated man's interpretation of God's law

John 5:11-13

Everyone recognizes and accepts that an astonishing, jaw-dropping miracle

took place

John 5:14-16

John 5:17-18

"Equal" = alike in quantity and quality – sharing the SAME nature