



The Case of the Sabbath Healing

Quest Book:
Chapter 24

John 5:1-18

The Objection: “‘This Man is not from God, for He does not keep the Sabbath.’” John 9:16 (NIV)

A. Establishing Context

1. The Incident

“One who was there had been an invalid for thirty-eight years. 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?’ ‘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.’ Then Jesus said to him, ‘Get up! Pick up your mat and walk.’ At once the man was cured; he picked up his mat and walked. The day on which this took place was a Sabbath...” John 5:5-9 (NIV)

2. The Charge

“...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.’ But he replied, ‘The man Who made me well said to me, ‘Pick up your mat and walk.’ So they asked him, ‘Who is this fellow Who told you to pick up and walk?’ The man who was healed had no idea who it was, for Jesus had slipped away into the crowd that was there.’” John 5:10-13 (NIV)

3. Jesus’ Response

“So, because Jesus was doing these things on the Sabbath, the Jewish leaders began to persecute Him. In His defense Jesus said to them, ‘My Father is always at His work to this very day, and I too am working.’ For this reason they tried all the more to kill Him; not only was He breaking the Sabbath, but He was even calling God His own Father, making Himself equal with God.” John 5:16-18 (NIV)

B. Presenting the Evidence

1. Exhibit A: The Very Words of God: Sabbath was not given for burden.

“‘If you keep your feet from breaking the Sabbath and from doing as you please on My holy day, if you call the Sabbath a delight and the Lord’s holy day honorable, and if you honor it by not going your own way and not doing as you please or speaking idle words, then you will find your joy in the Lord.’” Isaiah 58:13-14a (NIV)

2. Exhibit B: The Very Words of Jesus: “I do as God does.”

“Jesus gave them this answer, ‘Very truly I tell you, 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.’” John 5:19 (NIV)

3. Exhibit C: The Empty Grave.

“Jesus said to her, ‘Mary.’ She turned toward Him and cried out in Aramaic, ‘Rabboni!’ (which means ‘Teacher’). Jesus said, ‘Do not hold on to Me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. Go instead to My brothers and tell them, ‘I am ascending to My Father and your Father, to My God and Your God.’” John 20:16-17 (NIV)

C. The Closing Statements

1. In healing the lame man, Jesus demonstrated the heart of the Sabbath: Restoration, not restriction.

“‘How much more valuable is a person than a sheep! Therefore it is lawful to do good on the Sabbath.’” Matthew 12:12 (NIV)

2. He united His actions with the Father’s ongoing work, declaring His rightful authority.

“And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.” Colossians 3:17 (NIV)

3. Are your actions aligned with the Father’s heart?

“‘If you keep My commands, you will remain in My love, just as I have kept My Father’s commands and remain in His love. I have told you this so that My joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you.’” John 15:10-12 (NIV)

The Verdict: Jesus is the Lord of the Sabbath and the very source of rest and wholeness.

Bottom Line:

Our work is to align with the ongoing work of God.

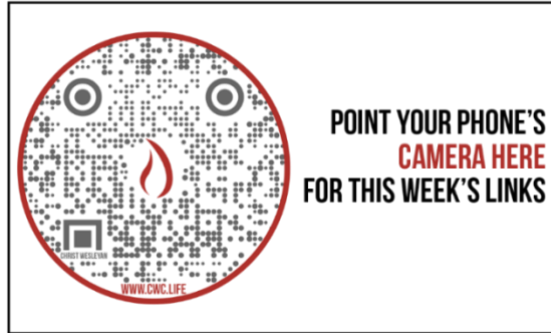
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The Case for Jesus' Divine Claims

Week 3: The Case for Spiritual Clarity
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Milton Campus: Pastor Branden Mestach
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Giving year to date: 90% of goal

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Salvations to date: 78 | Baptisms to date: 51

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Welcome Party – 1st Sunday of Every Month

- If you are new or if you've been around a bit and are looking to build friendships with others, our Welcome Party is for you! **Get to know others** who are newer at CWC as well as our welcome team and our pastors in a relational environment. There will be light refreshments and the opportunity to hear about our small groups, baptism, and your next step of Growth Track. If you're asking the question, “*How can I make friends here,*” then this is for you! No registration is required, you can just show up. Look for the signs on the first Sunday of the month.

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- Membership class is the last step of fully assimilating at CWC. Learn about our denomination, The Wesleyan Church and the bigger movement we are a part of across the world. This 3-hour class with the lead pastor provides you a place to **ask important questions about our beliefs as a church** and allows you to become eligible for our local board of administration. You also become eligible for denominational events like our district and general conferences. To sign up for our next class, let us know at the Hub or email: loretta.paulhamus@cwc.life