

## Another Strange Question

A recent search told me that in the gospels Jesus asked more than 130 questions. It is my belief that Jesus did not ask these questions because He needed to know the answers. When Jesus asked someone a question it was because they needed to think about the question and discover the answer. A great example of that can be found in John 5. On the Sabbath day during a feast of the Jews Jesus encountered a man who had been unable to walk for 38 years. Jesus found this man among a multitude of others by the pool of Bethesda. It was believed that the water in the pool had healing power. An angel would stir the water and the first one in would be healed. Here is the question that Jesus asked.

*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?" John 5:6*

It seems like a simple question that would have a one word answer, "YES". But instead of just answering the question the disabled man made excuses for not being the first one into the pool. Jesus responded by saying, "Get up. Pick up your mat and walk". The man was fully healed and did exactly what Jesus told him to do. He stood for the first time in almost 4 decades, picked up his mat and walked.

So what makes this question from Jesus so strange and powerful? It is the same question that each of us need to answer today. Do you want to get well? The obvious answer is yes, but so many people seem to be content with being disabled and lying by the pool. Our lives are full of sin, broken relationships, habits and addictions that keep us from living life to its fullest. We don't like it, but we have accepted it as our normal. Now Jesus stands before us offering us a better life. But, like the man by the pool, we make excuses and blame others for our condition.

Let me give you a challenge. Take a good look in the mirror and ask yourself, "Do you want to get well?" If the answer is yes it is going to require you to do some work and take some responsibility. It will be much easier to do nothing and just live in your current condition. But Jesus is standing before you offering you the opportunity to live and not just to exist. So... do you want to get well?

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