

A	AREA OF STUDY: JN 5-6 ; REFERENCE: B3/1-37	
B	<u>THE HISTORICAL LOCATION WHERE THE PARALYTIC IS HEALED</u> The location has been substantiated by findings of archeologists: “Sheep Gate”, “the pool of Bethzatha”, and the “five porticoes”	Jn 5:1-3 B3/2, NJBC61:74
C	<u>“DO YOU WANT TO BE HEALED?”</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ The boundless compassion of the Lord desires to heal us: Q#1: Are we willing to be healed? Numbness, addiction (gambling, drug abuse) might prohibit us from receiving Jesus’ healing Q#2: Are we aware of our own paralysis? ❑ 38 Years = the Israelites’ lengthy and difficult journey in the wilderness is a result of their disobedience to God for not willing to enter the Promised Land ❑ Note that Moses sent 12 spies to Canaan, 10 said not to enter while 2 (Joshua & Caleb) said to enter = ≥ few are willing to proclaim God’s will = ≥ same sex marriage ❑ After 38 years of wandering, the Israelites rejected Joshua’s invitation to enter the Promised Land After 38 years of paralysis, is the paralytic (you, me, the Church, the Israelites) ready to accept Jesus’ invitation? ❑ Note the writing style of the Old is hidden in the New and the New is revealed in the Old: Joshua VS Jesus = ≥ Same Name, both lead the Israelites into the Promised Land; the first one is rejected while the latter will be accepted ❑ “Do you want to be healed?” – a story from a friend ❑ Prayer 	Jn 5:6 Deut 2:14 Num 13:25
D	<u>WHAT ALLOWS JESUS TO HEAL ON THE SABBATH?</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ The Sabbath is a day to honour God, thus, work of charity towards God’s people is appropriate and it does not violate the rule of the Sabbath. The Israelites only obey in words while missing its true meaning ❑ Even the Law of Moses allows the priest to circumcise on Sabbath male babies who are 8 days old in order to fulfill the law and honour God ❑ The Sabbath is the reminder of the promise that God will complete his creation and that God will bring our work (6 days of labour) to fruition through his grace, not us (on the 7th day we cease our work to let God’s grace complete our 6 days of labour). Jesus’ action of healing on the Sabbath represents that He is the fulfillment of these 2 promises of the Sabbath. Jesus is the Lord of the Sabbath. 	Jn 5:15-18 Mt 12:1-8 Jn 7:23 Gen 17:12 B3/20
E	<u>JESUS’ AUTHORITY TO JUDGE</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ The one who earns humanity its goodness and joy should be the one determining who gets the goodness and joy ❑ Jesus was judged unjustly on earth; however, this will be corrected as He will be the just judge of humanity in the end 	Jn 5:22-30 Job 36:17 S.TH Light of Faith #241
F	<u>WITNESS TO JESUS ACCORDING TO THE LAW</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ 3 witnesses are needed to fulfill the law ❑ Jesus’ 3 witnesses are: JBap, God the Father, and Scripture (OT) 	Jn 5:31-40 B3/5 Deut 19:15

G	<p><u>THE DISBELIEF OF THE JEWS</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ Moses will be their judge. Why is that? Moses’ words (OT) point to Jesus. Don’t believe in Jesus = Don’t believe in Moses Therefore, Moses will be their accuser 	<p>Jn 5:41-47 B3/21</p>
H	<p><u>THE MULTIPLICATION OF BREAD & WALKING ON WATER = PRELUDE TO THE BREAD OF LIFE</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ John’s portrayal of Jesus as the New Moses through these 2 miracles serves as the prelude to the Bread of Life Discourse ❑ Similarity between Moses and Jesus: Moses prefigures Jesus (this has already been explained previously) ❑ John’s view of Jesus: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. the miracle happens during the Feast of Passover; a day set by Moses 2. 12 Baskets = 12 Tribes of Israel 3. 5 Loaves = the Pentateuch (the Five Books of Moses) 4. Walking on Water = Conquering the Sea / Water = ≥ Moses parting the Red Sea 5. Goal? As Moses brings manna to the Israelites and teaches that people should not only rely on bread alone but on the word of God (Deut 8:3), Jesus (New Moses) will bring the Bread of Life to humanity. This is the same bread to which Moses referred as the Word of God, or Scripture, that is, Jesus himself! This Bread of Life is the body of Christ! 	<p>Jn 6:1-25 B3/25-26</p> <p>2002 BSP #2 D3</p>
I	<p><u>THE FLESH AND BLOOD OF THE SON OF MAN IS FOOD FOR BELIEVERS</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ Jesus’ body and blood, soul, and divinity; the whole Christ is truthfully and in reality present in the Eucharist ❑ The bread and wine are changed into Jesus’ body and blood after being blessed – Transubstantiation ❑ Jesus has explained this teaching four times; each time more passionate and clearer than the previous one ❑ “Eat” = MUNCH in Greek; to reveal the truth of real flesh 	<p>Jn 6:51-60</p> <p>CCC1374</p> <p>CCC1375</p> <p>6:32-38, 6: 47-50 6:51, 6:53-58</p>
J	<p><u>OTHER BIBLICAL EVIDENCE</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ “Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be answerable for the body and blood of the Lord” ❑ the blessed cup is the blood of the Lord, the broken bread is the body of the Lord ❑ Prefigures by manna ❑ The installation and anticipation of Passover ❑ Isaiah prophesizes that God will set a feast on the holy mountain ❑ Wisdom invites people to the feast / banquet 	<p>1Cor 11:27</p> <p>1Cor 10:16</p> <p>Ex 16 Ex 12:43 Is 25:6 Pr 9:1-6</p>
K	<p><u>“THIS TEACHING IS DIFFICULT, WHO CAN ACCEPT IT?”</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ Both the Eucharist and the cross are the stumbling blocks and reasons for division ❑ “Do you also wish to go away?” ❑ Jesus is prepared to accept the eventuality of being abandoned by his disciples: the faith of Christians is the acceptance of the Eucharist 	<p>Jn 6:60 CCC1336</p> <p>Jn 6:67 Y2K Eucharist, p. 25</p>