

Jerusalem: Crossroads of the World #4

Muslim Quarter

Timeline

First Temple period: Outside city, pools and graves

Second Temple period: Hasmonean Aqueduct

Herod builds Antonia, pools in the east and Struthion Pool

First century CE Third Wall built, inside city

Roman period: triumphal arch (Bab el Amud), forum and street

Byzantine period: Church by Bethesda Pools

Early Muslim period: Jewish quarter in the north, destroyed by Crusaders

Crusaders expel Muslims and Jews

Mamelukes expel Christians

19th century: Christians and Jews begin returning

A Healing Miracle**John 5** Some time later, Jesus went up to Jerusalem for one of the Jewish festivals. ² Now there is in Jerusalem near the Sheep Gate a pool, which in Aramaic is called Bethesda^[a] 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. ^[4] ^[b] 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.