

**JESUS MAKES US WHOLE**  
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**MT. 11:28-30**

People all around us are hurting: the troubled need peace; the lonely need a friend; the hopeless need hope; the fearful need faith; the discouraged need encouraged; and the sick need healing. Whatever the need, Jesus is the answer.

**ACTS 3:11-16; 4:8-12**

Divine healing is not about how holy we are, it's about Jesus, and knowing Him and the power of His name. All glory goes to Jesus, and no one else (**ACTS 9:32-35**).

**JOHN 5:1-16**

1.) Identify the need

A.) The man is lame. He's hurting, troubled, lonely, hopeless, fearful and discouraged. His healing is right before him, but he can't get to it. No one will help him.

B.) "Will you be made whole" seems absurd to ask. Jesus knew some are comfortable in their sickness and don't want to experience the changes healing would make.

2.) Don't blame others. **JOHN 5:7**

A.) It's easy to blame others: Adam blamed Eve and God; Aaron blamed the people and fire for the golden calf (**EX. 32:22-24 HCSB**). It's easy to blame our environment, our circumstances, and everything else but ourselves. Yet, God wants us to accept responsibility (**MK. 5:27-28**).

3.) Exercise our faith. **JOHN 5:8-9**

A.) Once the man decided he wanted healed, and stopped blaming others, Jesus called upon him to act out his faith. He did, and was healed.

B.) Very often a response of faith is needed before healing occurs.

\* 10 lepers (go show yourself); withered hand (stretch forth); blind man (go wash); Naaman (dip seven times); Israelites (behold the serpent); Marah (throw in a tree).

4.) Credit God, give Him all the glory. **JOHN 5:15**

A.) When God heals, we must give Him all the glory. We can thank the doctors, medical staff and whoever, but we must remember it's God who gives wisdom and makes healing possible. He gets all the glory.

5.) Close the door and keep it closed. **JOHN 5:14**

A.) Sin can reopen the door to sickness and something worse. Why? Because to whom much is given, much is required.

B.) God wants us to have a close walk with Him.

**Will we be made whole?**

1.) What's our need? Is it spiritual, emotional or physical help?

2.) Don't blame God or anyone else. Be responsible.

3.) Use our faith. By faith Abel, Noah, Abraham, Sarah, etc.

4.) Give all glory to God. **PS. 29:1-2**

5.) Keep the door closed. **EPH. 4:27**

**Conclusion:** God has made provisions for our healing. Our healing begins with coming into a right relationship with God. Our faith is in the redemptive work of Christ.