# One to one: John chapter 5

## Set the scene: What do you think are our biggest problems?

* In society?
* Personally?

Why?

**Recap:**

* **One-to-one with Nicodemus:** how do we get life that lasts? What does that mean?
* **One-to-one with the Samaritan woman:** how do we get life that lasts? What does that mean?
* Read John 20:30-31 – why is John writing his book?

## Hear from God: Read John 5:1-13

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1. How does John set the scene for us? What details does he give us and why are they important?
2. What does the man think is his biggest problem?
3. What does he think will be the solution?
4. How does Jesus solve the problem? Why is it different to what the man thought would heal him?
5. The man’s dependence on a special place and special water is reminiscent of some spiritual practices today. What draws people to shrines and special places?
6. Why does Jesus render them unnecessary?
7. What day does this take place?
8. What is the Pharisees problem? What law are they talking about?
9. How have they put up a religious shrine, similar to the pool?
10. How does this grace they bestow on themselves amount to nothing? Why?

**Hear from God: Read John 5:14-24**

1. What does Jesus tell the man? What does his warning mean? (Cf John 9:1-2)
2. What is actually the man’s (and our) biggest problem?
3. Why are the Pharisees cross with Jesus initially?
4. What is Jesus claiming in v17, why does it incite such anger?
5. How do the Father and Son work together?
6. What is Jesus’ offer?
7. What are the consequences for refusing Jesus the Son?

## Apply these things to your life

1. Has your ‘set the scene’ answer changed? Why/why not?
2. How does the inseparable work of the Father and Son encourage you to trust Jesus more?
3. Do you want to be made well? What sort of things might that mean for you?
4. What ‘shrines’ do 21st century westerners put up to bestow grace/life/healing upon themselves?
5. How can we speak the truth of God’s true Son who gives life?

**Prayer ideas**

Praise the Father for sending his Son to do his will by giving us life that lasts.

Prayerfully reflect and share how you can be praying for one another in light of the passage.

Think of one or two people you’d like to read John’s gospel with in Lent. Pray for chances to ask.