

Crippled Man by Pool Discussion

Remember that these monologues are essentially historical fiction, based on the Scripture but filling in plausible subjective details, both emotional responses and motivations. Your first task is to decide if they are reasonable.

Do people sometimes believe in questionable remedies for their afflictions just because they so desperately need some sort of hope?

Why did Jesus ask the man if he wanted to get well?

Do some people either consciously or even unconsciously NOT want to get well?

Did Jesus address the issue of whether it was the pool that causes the healing?

Why did Jesus tell the man to pick up his bed and walk?

Why did the Pharisees take offense at this?

What did it reveal about them?

What ways might the man have been sinning that Jesus was addressing?

Can we connect suffering with specific sins?

Is it possible for us to infer people's spiritual status by their health or wealth?

What was Jesus likely "up to" in the case of this man and those who witnessed his healing and its aftermath?

What was the greater healing for this man, physical or spiritual?

Did he become a missionary?

What was his preparation for that task?

Did he experience opposition?

Did that stop him?