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Any guess as to why the "Sheep Gate" (John 5:2) was called that?

This was the gate in Jerusalem through which the _____ were brought in to be _____. It was on the eastern wall just north of the temple and is still there, although it has been renamed, "Stephen's Gate" in honor of the first Christian martyr whose death is described in [Acts chapter 7](#).

How about the pool of "Bethesda" (John 5:2)?

"Bethesda" literally meant "House ('Beth') of mercy." The pool of Bethesda consisted of two adjoining pools with an overhead cover that was supported by five columns. In the 19th century, the pool was discovered in Jerusalem.

What do you think of the sick man's answer?

What lesson can be drawn from John 5:8?

Don't tell God 'how' He should help you. Just ask him to help you and to answer your request as per His perfect will.

What is peculiar about Jewish leaders reaction to the cured man?.

What was wrong with the man carrying his bed on the Sabbath?

Let's start with a bit of history. Ever since God led the Hebrews out of Egypt, He spoke to them through judges, kings and prophets until about 400 BC, when His voice fell silent. The Jews panicked and tried to fill the void by fleshing out the Ten Commandments to cover every aspect of their lives. By

the time Jesus came, these man-made laws had taken on a life of their own and veered far from the letter and the intent of the original Ten Commandments. For example, the sixth Commandments was: **"Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the LORD your God. In it you shall do no work: you, nor your son, nor your daughter, nor your male servant, nor your female servant, nor your cattle, nor your stranger who is within your gates. For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and hallowed it."** (Exodus 20:8-11). By the time Jesus came, there were no fewer than thirty-nine different categories of "work" and a dizzying array of do's and don'ts, especially on the Sabbath. For example, you could carry olive oil but not enough to have a meal with it. If you were cut on the Sabbath, you could bandage the wound closed but had to wait until the next day to put ointment in the wound. One of those rules apparently prohibited the removal of one's bed.

What could be a "worse thing" (John 5:14)?

What angered the Jewish leaders the most?.

Is Jesus saying that He is another God to rival the Father?

No, He is describing the traits of the Trinity, including their complete unity. His declaration of being the "Son" of God gave him equality with the Father God

What has God the Father been doing since Creation?

"W_____ " (John 5:16).

So when do we cross into "everlasting life" (John 5:24)?

When we listen to Jesus' words and believe in God as per John 5:24 (not only

when we go to heaven) or upon the second coming of Jesus. One Christian tribe in Africa holds a funeral when a person accepts Jesus as Savior, and throws a party when that person dies physically. Their customs reflect John 5:24 better than ours do.

Who are the "dead" in John 5:25?

Those who Jesus sees as s_____ dead.

JOHN 5:26-28 ²⁶ For as the Father has life in Himself, so He has granted the Son to have life in Himself, ²⁷ and has given Him authority to execute judgment also, because He is the Son of Man.

Why does Jesus refer to Himself as the "Son of Man" in John 5:27?

"**Son of Man**" is how the prophet Daniel referred to God the Son at the throne of God the Father, whom he called, "**Ancient of Days**", in heaven: "**I was watching in the night visions, and behold, One like the Son of Man, coming with the clouds of heaven! He came to the Ancient of Days, and they brought Him near before Him. Then to Him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve Him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and His kingdom the one which shall not be destroyed.**" (Daniel 7:13-14) The Jews were well versed in the Old Testament and would have recognized right away Jesus' declaration of being the "**Son of Man**" Daniel had described.

Will some people just stay dead forever? (John 5:28-29) _____

What is Jesus saying in John 5:31?

He's citing a Jewish legal principle, that uncorroborated testimony doesn't count.

Why is John the Baptists witness important- John 5:32-35?

John the Baptist's testimony already satisfies the above legal principle.

How does Jesus continue above?

The "**greater witness**" than John the Baptist's witness is the "**works**" (John 5:36) that Jesus is doing, which prove that the "**Father has sent Me.**"

When has the Father "testified of" (John 5:37) Jesus?

"When Jesus was _____ (Matthew 3:16-17)

What's does Jesus mean by searching the "Scriptures"?

The New Testament had not yet been written; the "Scriptures" He is referring to is just the Old Testament.

Isn't the Old Testament sufficient to lead to "eternal life" (John 5:39)?

No it isn't. In brief, the Old Testament is an account of how God created out of love and for love, but was betrayed by, mankind. He then chose, led and immensely blessed a people to demonstrate His continuing love for mankind, yet they betrayed Him over and over again. Instead of wiping us out as we deserve, God foretold throughout the Old Testament that eventually, He will prove His unflinching love for us by personally paying the penalty for our betrayal and reconcile us to Himself. The Old Testament is like a map to a priceless treasure. Just as the value of the map is not in itself but what it points to, the value of the Old Testament was not in itself but what it pointed to: salvation in Jesus, to whom they "**are not willing to come.**" (John 5:40)

Do they believe even the Old Testament?

The Jews were so wrapped up in their man-made laws and with each other that they had even lost sight of the real laws of God that were given through Moses, who wrote the first five books of the Old Testament.