

1. The Problem

John 5:1-9-¹ After these things there was a feast of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ² Now there is in Jerusalem by the sheep *gate* a pool, which is called in Hebrew Bethesda, having five porticoes. ³ In these lay a multitude of those who were sick, blind, lame, and withered, [waiting for the moving of the waters; ⁴ for an angel of the Lord went down at certain seasons into the pool and stirred up the water; whoever then first, after the stirring up of the water, stepped in was made well from whatever disease with which he was afflicted.] ⁵ **A man was there who had been ill for thirty-eight years.** ⁶ When Jesus saw him lying *there*, and knew that he had already been a long time *in that condition*, He said to him, “Do you wish to get well?” ⁷ The sick man answered Him, “Sir, I have no man to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up, but while I am coming, another steps down before me.” ⁸ **Jesus said to him, “Get up, pick up your pallet and walk.”** ⁹ **Immediately the man became well, and picked up his pallet and *began to walk.***

2. The Power

1 Cor. 15:42-44-⁴² So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown a **perishable** *body*, it is raised an **imperishable** *body*; ⁴³ it is sown in **dishonor**, it is raised in **glory**; it is sown in **weakness**, it is raised in **power**; ⁴⁴ it is sown a **natural** *body*, it is raised a **spiritual** *body*. If there is a natural *body*, there is also a spiritual *body*.

Rev. 21:23-And **the city has no need of the sun or of the moon** to shine on it, for the glory of God has illumined it, and its lamp *is* the Lamb.

Rev. 22:5-And there will no longer be *any* night; and **they will not have need of the light of a lamp nor the light of the sun,** because the Lord God will illumine them; and they will reign forever and ever.

3. **The Permanency**

2 Pet. 1:13 (NKJV)-Yes, I think it is right, as long as I am in this **tent**, to stir you up by reminding *you*.

2 Cor. 5:1-4-¹ For we know that if the earthly **tent** which is our house is torn down, we have a **building from God**, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.² For indeed in **this house** we groan, longing to be clothed with our **dwelling from heaven**,³ inasmuch as we, having put it on, will not be found naked.⁴ For indeed while we are in this **tent**, we groan, being burdened, because we do not want to be unclothed but to be clothed, so that what is mortal will be swallowed up by life.

Rhodes (*40 Days Through Bible Prophecy*) - “The temporary tabernacle of Israel’s wanderings in the wilderness was a giant tent-like structure. This tent was eventually replaced with a permanent building—a stone temple—after Israel entered the Promised Land.”

4. **The Physicality**

1 Cor. 15:49-Just as we have borne the image of the earthy, **we will also bear the image of the heavenly.**

Philip. 3:20-21-²⁰ For our citizenship is in heaven, from which also we eagerly wait for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ; ²¹ who will transform the body of our humble state **into conformity with the body of His glory,** by the exertion of the power that He has even to subject all things to Himself.

1 John 3:2-3-² Beloved, now we are children of God, and it has not appeared as yet what we will be. We know that when He appears, **we will be like Him,** because we will see Him just as He is.³ And everyone who has this hope *fixed* on Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.

Luke 24:39-See My hands and My feet, that it is I Myself; **touch Me and see, for a spirit does not have flesh and bones** as you see that I have.

Matt. 28:9-And behold, Jesus met them and greeted them. And they came up and **took hold of His feet** and worshiped Him.

John 20:16-17-¹⁶ Jesus said to her, “Mary!” She turned and said to Him in Hebrew, “Rabboni!” (which means, Teacher). ¹⁷ Jesus said to her, “**Stop clinging to Me,** for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to My brethren and say to them, ‘I ascend to My Father and your Father, and My God and your God.’”

John 20:24-29-²⁴ But Thomas, one of the twelve, called Didymus, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples were saying to him, “We have seen the Lord!” But he said to them,

“Unless I see in His hands the imprint of the nails, and put my finger into the place of the nails, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe.” ²⁶ After eight days His disciples were again inside, and Thomas with them. Jesus came, the doors having been shut, and stood in their midst and said, “Peace *be* with you.” ²⁷ Then He said to Thomas, **“Reach here with your finger, and see My hands; and reach here your hand and put it into My side;** and do not be unbelieving, but believing.” ²⁸ Thomas answered and said to Him, “My Lord and my God!” ²⁹ Jesus said to him, “Because you have seen Me, have you believed? Blessed *are* they who did not see, and *yet* believed.”

Rev. 5:6-And I saw between the throne (with the four living creatures) and the elders **a Lamb standing, as if slain**, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God, sent out into all the earth.

Matt. 28:17-When they **saw** Him, they worshiped *Him*; but some were doubtful.

1 Cor. 15:3-8-³ For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures,⁴ and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures,⁵ and that He **appeared** to Cephas, then to the twelve.⁶ After that He **appeared** to more than five hundred brethren at one time, most of whom remain until now, but some have fallen asleep;⁷ then He **appeared** to James, then to all the apostles;⁸ and last of all, as to one untimely born, He **appeared** to me also.

John 21:3-6-³ Simon Peter said to them, “I am going fishing.” They said to him, “We will also come with you.” **They went out and got into the boat; and that night they caught nothing.** ⁴ But when the day was now breaking, Jesus stood on the beach; yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. ⁵ So Jesus said to them, “Children, you do not have any fish, do you?” They answered Him, “No.” ⁶ **And He said to them, “Cast the net on the right-hand side of the boat and you will find a catch.” So, they cast, and then they were not able to haul it in because of the great number of fish.**

Acts 1:3-To these He also presented Himself alive after His suffering, by many convincing proofs, appearing to them over *a period of forty days* and **speaking of the things concerning the kingdom of God.**

5. **The Picnic**

John 21:10-13-¹⁰ Jesus said to them, “Bring some of the fish which you have now caught.” ¹¹ Simon Peter went up and drew the net to land, full of large fish, a hundred and fifty-three; and although there were so many, the net was not torn. ¹² Jesus said to them, **“Come and have breakfast.”** None of the disciples ventured to question Him, “Who are You?” knowing that it was the Lord. ¹³ Jesus came and took the bread and gave *it* to them, and the fish likewise.

Luke 24:42-43-⁴² They gave Him a piece of a broiled fish; ⁴³ and **He took it and ate it before them.**

Acts 1:4 (NIV)-On one occasion, **while he was eating with them,**

he gave them this command: “Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about.

Rev. 19:9-Then he said to me, “Write, ‘Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage **supper** of the Lamb.’” And he said to me, “These are true words of God.”

Matt. 8:11 (NIV)-I say to you that many will come from the east and the west and will take their places at the **feast** with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven.

Rev. 22:2-in the middle of its street. On either side of the river was the tree of life, bearing twelve *kinds of* **fruit**, yielding its **fruit** every month; and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.

6. **The Postponement**

John 20:26-After eight days His disciples were again inside, and Thomas with them. **Jesus came, the doors having been shut, and stood in their midst** and said, “Peace *be* with you.”

Gal. 4:26-But the Jerusalem above is free; she **is** our mother.

7. **The Pedigree**

Rev. 21:24-The **nations** will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it.

Rev. 21:26-and they will bring the glory and the honor of the **nations** into it.

Rev. 22:2-in the middle of its street. On either side of the river was the tree of life, bearing twelve *kinds of* fruit, yielding its fruit every month; and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the **nations**.

Conclusion: The Provision

John 6:39-40-³⁹ This is the will of Him who sent Me, that of all that He has given Me I lose nothing but **raise it up on the last day**. ⁴⁰ For this is the will of My Father, that everyone who beholds the Son and **believes** in Him will have eternal life, and **I Myself will raise him up on the last day**.

Num. 6:24-26-²⁴ The Lord bless you, and keep you;
²⁵ The Lord make His face shine on you, And be gracious to you;
²⁶ The Lord lift up His countenance on you,
And give you peace.'