

## Luke Lesson 66 Is God Fair? Handout

**John 5:1** After this 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,<sup>[a]</sup> having five porches.

**3** In these lay a great multitude of sick people, blind, lame, paralyzed, waiting for the moving of the water.

**4** For an angel went down at a certain time into the pool and stirred up the water; then whoever stepped in first, after the stirring of the water, was made well of whatever disease he had.<sup>[b]</sup>

**5** Now a certain man was there who had an infirmity thirty-eight years.

**6** When Jesus saw him lying there, and knew that he already had been *in that condition* a long time, He said to him, "Do you want to be made 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, "Rise, take up your bed and walk."

**9** And immediately the man was made well, took up his bed, and walked.

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suffered this *fate*? 3 "I tell you, no, but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish. 4 "Or do you suppose that those eighteen on whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them were *worse* culprits than all the men who live in Jerusalem? 5 "I tell you, no, but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish."

6 And He *began* telling this parable: "A man had a fig tree which had been planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and did not find any. 7 "And he said to the vineyard-keeper, 'Behold, for three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree without finding any. Cut it down! Why does it even use up the ground?' 8 "And he answered and said to him, 'Let it alone, sir, for this year too, until I dig around it and put in fertilizer; 9 and if it bears fruit next year, *fine*; but if not, cut it down.'"

Isaiah 55:9 "As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

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**Romans 5:12** Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all people, because all sinned—

**Isaiah 59:2 But your iniquities have separated you from your God; your sins have hidden his face from you, so that he will not hear.**

**Genesis 3:16 To the woman He said, "I will greatly multiply your pain in childbirth, in pain you will bring forth children; yet your desire will be for your husband, and he will rule over you."**

**17 Then to Adam He said, "Because you have listened to the voice of your wife, and have eaten from the tree about which I commanded you, saying, 'You shall not eat from it'; cursed is the ground because of you; in toil you will eat of it all the days of your life.**

**18 "Both thorns and thistles it shall grow for you; and you will eat the plants of the field;**

**Genesis 6: 11 Now the earth was corrupt in the sight of God, and the earth was filled with violence. 12 God looked on the earth, and behold, it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted their way upon the earth.**

**Genesis 7:1 In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, on the seventeenth day of the month, on the same day all the fountains of the great deep burst open, and the floodgates of the sky were opened.**

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**BibleInfo.com - The fountains of the deep were broken up (Genesis 7:11). There was great volcanic activity. The layers of the earth's crust were formed and nature was turned out of its God-given course. The stage was set for earthquakes, and killer storms. As the consequences of sin have progressed from that day to**

**this, the natural world is nearing its end; the results of our first parents' disobedience is becoming more and more evident as this world is wearing out.**

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**2 Kings 17:13** Yet the LORD warned Israel and Judah through all His prophets *and* every seer, saying, "Turn from your evil ways and keep My commandments, My statutes according to all the law which I commanded your fathers, and which I sent to you through My servants the prophets." **14** However, they did not listen, but stiffened their neck like their fathers, who did not believe in the LORD their God. **15** They rejected His statutes and His covenant which He made with their fathers and His warnings with which He warned them. And they followed vanity and became vain, and *went* after the nations which surrounded them, concerning which the LORD had commanded them not to do like them. **16** They forsook all the commandments of the LORD their God and made for themselves molten images, *even* two calves, and made an Asherah and worshiped all the host of heaven and served Baal. **17** Then they made their sons and their daughters pass through the fire, and practiced divination and enchantments, and sold themselves to do evil in the sight of the LORD, provoking Him.

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**Colossians 1:15** He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. **16** For by Him all things were

**created, both in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities-- all things have been created through Him and for Him.**

**2 Cor. 5:21 For God made Christ, who never sinned, to be the offering for our sin, so that we could be made right with God through Christ.**

**John 14:6 Jesus told him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me.**

**2 Cor. 5:17 This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!**

**Romans 8:28 And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them.**

**Colossians 1:13 For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves,**

**Revelation 21:1 Then I saw "a new heaven and a new earth," for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. 3 And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Look! God's dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. 4 He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away." 5 He who was seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new!" Then he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true."**

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**Mark 6:12 - They went out and preached that people should repent.**

**Matthew 4:17 From that time on Jesus began to preach, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."**

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**Dr. Rosaria Butterfield, a former tenured professor at the University of Syracuse, was a committed and comfortable lesbian until she had what she described as a "train-wreck conversion" to Christ.**

**At one point in her life, she wrote, "As an unbelieving professor of English, an advocate of postmodernism -I found peace and purpose in my life as a lesbian and the community I helped to create."**

**ALL CHANGED WHEN SHE CAME TO CHRIST -**

**Today she is married to Pastor Kent Butterfield, and mother of four adopted children and numerous foster children.**

**After her conversion, she describes an encounter with a female counselor who said, "Change your message - Tell people that it is only *in your opinion* that homosexual practice is a sin."**

**I told her that changing my message would involve denying the plain meaning of Scripture, the testimony of the church, the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, and the gospel.**

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**Phil. 1:6 And I am certain that God, who began the good work within you, will continue his work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns.**

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9 and if it bears fruit next year, fine; but if not, cut it down.' "**

**Luke 13: 10 And He was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath.**

**11 And there was a woman who for eighteen years had had a sickness caused by a spirit; and she was bent double, and could not straighten up at all.**

**12 When Jesus saw her, He called her over and said to her, "Woman, you are freed from your sickness."**

**13 And He laid His hands on her; and immediately she was made erect again and began glorifying God.**

**14 But the synagogue official, indignant because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath, began saying to the crowd in response, "There are six days in which work should be done; so come during them and get healed, and not on the Sabbath day."**

**15 But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites, does not each of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the stall and lead him away to water him?"**

**16 "And this woman, a daughter of Abraham as she is, whom Satan has bound for eighteen long years, should she not have been released from this bond on the Sabbath day?"**

**17 As He said this, all His opponents were being humiliated; and the entire crowd was rejoicing over all the glorious things being done by Him.**

**18 So He was saying, "What is the kingdom of God like, and to what shall I compare it?"**

**19 "It is like a mustard seed, which a man took and threw into his own garden; and it grew and became a tree, and THE BIRDS OF THE AIR NESTED IN ITS BRANCHES."**

**20 And again He said, "To what shall I compare the kingdom of God?"**

**21 "It is like leaven, which a woman took and hid in three pecks of flour until it was all leavened."**