

A Strange Question

(John 5:1-9)

- Introduction:
1. This is a rather strange question that Jesus asked a man concerning his physical well-being.
 2. I also believe that there are several truths to be learned by analyzing this question and making several applications to our spiritual well-being.
 3. Let us note a few.

I. Do You **Want**...

- A. Salvation is the choice of every individual.
- B. (Revelation 22:17) Whosoever wills...
- C. As hard as it may seem to believe, salvation is not a choice many people make.
- D. (Matthew 7:13-14) Few saved in comparison to many lost.

II. Do **You** Want...

- A. Salvation is a personal matter.
- B. (2 Corinthians 5:10) Each of us will stand before God.
- C. Your desire for salvation must be personal.
 1. You can't obey to please spouse, get a job, or for acceptance.
 2. (Romans 6:17) Obedience from the heart.

III. Do You Want To **Be Made** Well?

- A. Salvation is not something that we earn or merit.
- B. We are passive in instigating the salvation process (Romans 5:6-8).
- C. (Titus 3:4-5).
- D. Christ paid the price of our sins on the cross — a price too great for us to pay.
- E. (Psalm 49:6-8) No mere man can redeem a soul.

IV. Do You Want To Be Made **Well**?

- A. (Isaiah 1:18) Come let us reason together...
- B. (Romans 6:23) Wages of sin is death.

- Conclusion:
1. Upon looking back at the question Jesus asked this sick man, we find that he responded in obedience and was made physically well.
 2. Jesus is still asking the same question today — only with a spiritual application.
 3. What has your response been?
 4. What will your response be?