



# POOL OF BETHESDA

Bethesda, meaning “house of grace,” is the location of the spring-fed pool where invalids would wait their turn to step into the mysteriously troubled waters. It was believed an angel stirred the waters, and at the time of the stirring, healing was released to those who could rush in the pool. John 5 tells of Jesus’ miraculous healing of the man who had been an invalid for 38 years. The pool is located next to St. Anne’s Church just inside St. Stephen’s Gate.

Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate a pool, in Hebrew called Beth-zatha, which has five porticoes. In these lay a multitude of invalids, blind, lame, paralyzed. One man was there, who had been ill for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him and knew that he had been lying there a long time, He said to him, “Do you want to be healed?” The sick man answered Him, “Sir, I have no man to put me into the pool when the water is troubled, and while I am going another steps down before me.” Jesus said to him, “Rise, take up your pallet, and walk.” And at once the man was healed, and he took up his pallet and walked.

John 5:1-9

