



# God's Hands

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## Safety Tips

- Avoid riding in automobiles - responsible for 20% of all fatal accidents.
- Don't stay home – 17% of all accidents occur at home.
- No streets or sidewalk – 14% of all accidents occur to pedestrians.
- Don't travel by air, rail or water – 16% of all accidents involve these forms of transport.
- Above all, avoid hospitals, of the remaining 33%, 32% of all deaths occur in hospitals.

There is Great News!

Only **.001%** of all deaths occur in  
worship services in church.

You're as safe as you will ever be  
where you are!

BTW – even fewer people die studying  
the Bible.



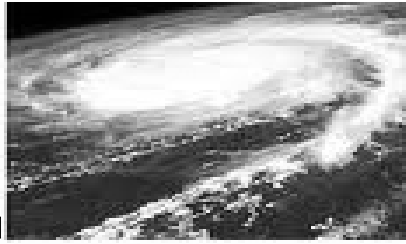
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# Allstate

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# John 5



# Gospel of John

- Written for a purpose: John 20:30-31
- Seven Significant Miracles recorded.
- Jesus gives Seven I AM statements.
- John uncovers the essence of Jesus as a person.

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I'm very happy you are covering John.

It is an antidote to the vicious attack ON OUR BELIEF, especially for our kids!

## Hands of Healing -- John 5:1-15

- Change from presentation of the Christ, to opposition to the Christ.
- In a matter of words, Jesus heals a man paralyzed for 38 years.
  - Power over debilitating disease.
  - Power over time.

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5:1 Some time later, Jesus went up to Jerusalem for a feast of the Jews. 2 Now there is in Jerusalem near the Sheep Gate a pool, which in Aramaic is called Bethesda and which is surrounded by five covered colonnades. 3 Here a great number of disabled people used to lie—the blind, the lame, the paralyzed. 5 One who was there had been an invalid for thirty-eight years. 6 When Jesus saw him lying there and learned that he had been in this condition for a long time, he asked him, "Do you want to get well?"

7 "Sir," the invalid replied, "I have no one to help me into the pool when the water is stirred. While I am trying to get in, someone else goes down ahead of me."

8 Then Jesus said to him, "Get up! Pick up your mat and walk." 9 At once the man was cured; he picked up his mat and walked.

*The day on which this took place was a Sabbath, 10 and so the Jews said to the man who had been healed, "It is the Sabbath; the law forbids you to carry your mat."*

11 But he replied, "The man who made me well said to me, 'Pick up your mat and walk.'"

12 So they asked him, "Who is this fellow who told you to pick it up and walk?"

13 The man who was healed had no idea who it was, for Jesus had slipped away into the crowd that was there.

14 Later Jesus found him at the temple and said to him, "See, you are well again. Stop sinning or something worse may happen to you." 15 The man went away and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had made him well.

## Hands of Obedience -- John 5:16-23

- Jesus does what God does on the Sabbath.
- Jesus (defied time and illness) will grant life to whom he pleases (vs 21). [10:10]
- Jesus given authority to judge (vs 22).
- No honor Jesus, no honor the Father (23).

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16 So, because Jesus was doing these things on the Sabbath, the Jews persecuted him. 17 Jesus said to them, "My Father is always at his work to this very day, and I, too, am working." 18 For this reason the Jews tried all the harder to kill him; not only was he breaking the Sabbath, but he was even calling God his own Father, making himself equal with God.

19 Jesus gave them this answer: "I tell you the truth, the Son can do nothing by himself; he can do only what he sees his Father doing, because whatever the Father does the Son also does. 20 For the Father loves the Son and shows him all he does. Yes, to your amazement he will show him even greater things than these. 21 For just as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, even so the Son gives life to whom he is pleased to give it. 22 Moreover, the Father judges no one, but has entrusted all judgment to the Son, 23 that all may honor the Son just as they honor the Father. He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father, who sent him.

## Powerful Hands -- John 5:24-30

- The dead (in sin) who hear (obey) Christ will live the real life (24-25).
- Jesus has life and authority to judge (26-27).
- Jesus' voice will cause a resurrection (28-29).
- Jesus seeks to please God the Father (30).

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24 "I tell you the truth, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be condemned; he has crossed over from death to life. 25 I tell you the truth, a time is coming and has now come when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God and those who hear will live. 26 For as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son to have life in himself. 27 And he has given him authority to judge because he is the Son of Man.

28 "Do not be amazed at this, for a time is coming when all who are in their graves will hear his voice 29 and come out-those who have done good will rise to live, and those who have done evil will rise to be condemned. 30 By myself I can do nothing; I judge only as I hear, and my judgment is just, for I seek not to please myself but him who sent me.

## Trustworthy Hands -- John 5:31-46

- Jesus' claims are solid.
  - John the Baptist (33-35)
  - God the Father (36-38)
  - The Scriptures (39-40)
- What God thinks matters most (41-44).
- Their hero Moses was writing about the Christ (45-46).

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31 "If I testify about myself, my testimony is not valid. 32 There is another who testifies in my favor, and I know that his testimony about me is valid.

33 "You have sent to John and he has testified to the truth. 34 Not that I accept human testimony; but I mention it that you may be saved. 35 John was a lamp that burned and gave light, and you chose for a time to enjoy his light.

36 "I have testimony weightier than that of John. For the very work that the Father has given me to finish, and which I am doing, testifies that the Father has sent me. 37 And the Father who sent me has himself testified concerning me. You have never heard his voice nor seen his form, 38 nor does his word dwell in you, for you do not believe the one he sent. 39 You diligently study the Scriptures because you think that by them you possess eternal life. These are the Scriptures that testify about me, 40 yet you refuse to come to me to have life.

41 "I do not accept praise from men, 42 but I know you. I know that you do not have the love of God in your hearts. 43 I have come in my Father's name, and you do not accept me; but if someone else comes in his own name, you will accept him. 44 How can you believe if you accept praise from one another, yet make no effort to obtain the praise that comes from the only God?

45 "But do not think I will accuse you before the Father. Your accuser is Moses, on whom your hopes are set. 46 If you believed Moses, you would believe me, for he wrote about me. 47 But since you do not believe what he wrote, how are you going to believe what I say?"

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*John 5:18*



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*We tend to put  
ourselves in  
the wrong hands!*

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Heals  
Obedient  
Powerful  
Trustworthy



Are they big enough to *Save*?

Life Giver.

The Source of spiritual life.

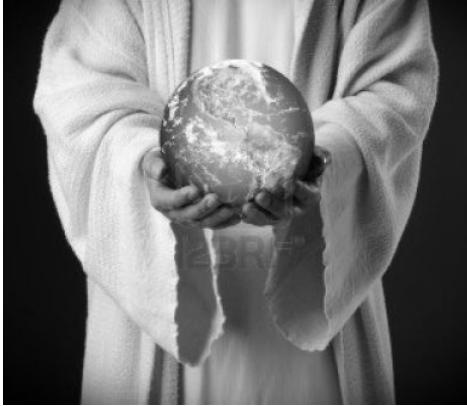
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**Nothing wimpy about Him!**

Has power of time, illness, and Sabbath law.

Are they big enough To *Command*?



**Religiousness** insufficient.

Voice causes the  
**resurrection.**

To follow is to **change.**

**HE alone is in charge.**

## Are they big enough To *Decide*?

Everyone cannot have their own truth.

He is the truth with power to judge.

He is the highlight of the Scripture.

We are accountable to Him.

He KNOWS what's Right.



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