

STRANGE BUT TRUE:

Now, but Not Yet

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Notes:

The kingdom of God came with Christ, but we do not feel or see its full effects. It is here now, but it is not yet fully realized. We see this tension come out especially clearly in the healing stories in the Gospels. Although Jesus heals some people, He does not heal all people. We see some amazing things now, but we are still waiting for the amazing things that are yet to come .

**Now faith is being sure of what we hope for
and certain of what we do not see.**

– Hebrews 11:1 (NIV84)

**You do not lack any spiritual gift as you eagerly wait for our
Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed.**

– 1 Corinthians 1:7 (NIV)

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which has five colonnades. Within these lay a large number of the disabled**

**– blind, lame, and paralyzed. One man was there who had been
disabled for thirty-eight years.**

– John 5:2-3, 5 (CSB)

**Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first
earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. Then I heard a loud
voice from the throne: Look, God’s dwelling is with humanity, and he will
live with them. They will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them
and will be their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes. Death
will be no more; grief, crying, and pain will be no more, because the
previous things have passed away.**

– Revelation 21:1, 3-4 (NIV)

My Next Step(s):

- I will live as a citizen of God’s Kingdom now, while I await its fulfillment.
- I will not expect heavenly perfection on earth in the here and now.
- I will look forward with hope until that day that our Lord Jesus is revealed.
- I will both give, and ask for, help with this world’s struggles.
- I will find my ultimate hope in Christ, rather than this world’s empty promises.

Memory Verse: Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain
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One, but Three



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BUT TRUE

God, but Man

Hypostatic Union

Proleptic Eschatology



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HEBREWS 11:1 (NIV84)

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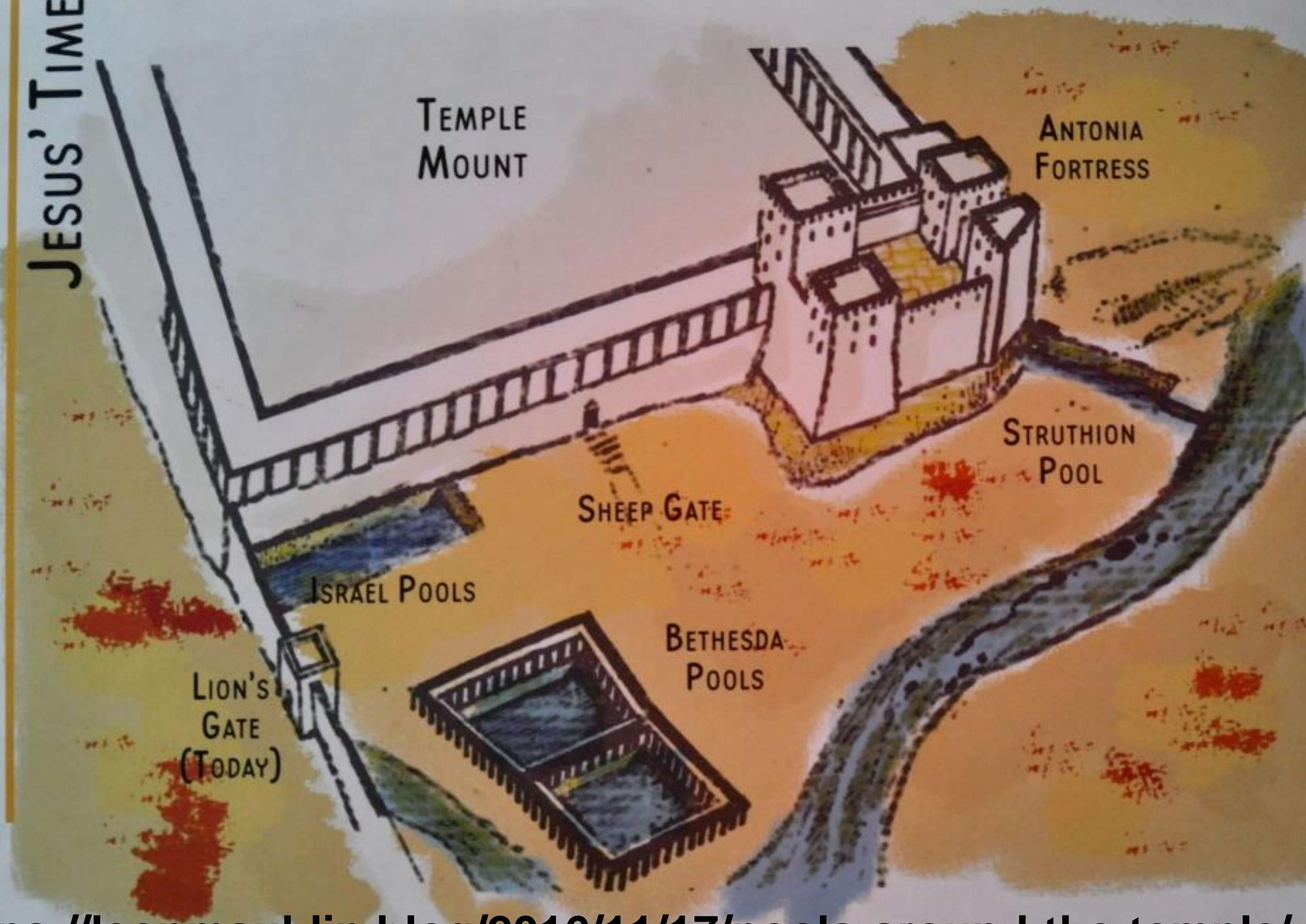
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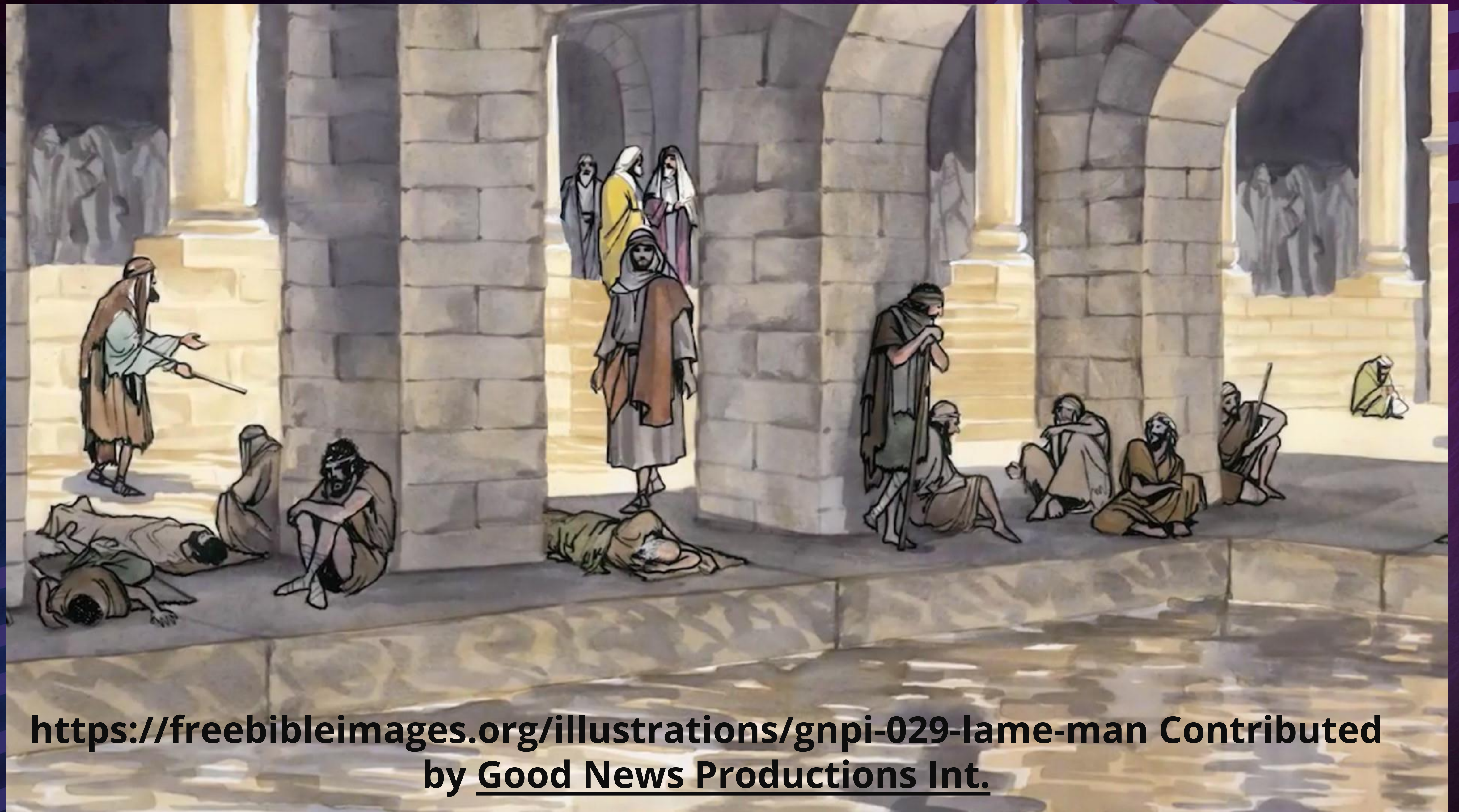
JOHN 5:2-3, 5 (CSB)

POOLS AROUND THE TEMPLE

JESUS' TIME



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⁶ When Jesus saw the invalid lying there and realized he had already been there a long time, He said to him, “Do you want to get well?” ⁷ “Sir,” the disabled man answered, “I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up, but while I’m coming, someone goes down ahead of me.”

JOHN 5:6-9

⁸ “Get up,” Jesus told him, “pick up your mat and walk.”
⁹ Instantly the man got well, picked up his mat, and started to walk.

JOHN 5:6-9

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JOHN 5:3, 5 (CSB)



How do we live in this tension?

HOW DO WE LIVE IN THIS TENSION?

#1

Pray a lot!

Pray continually.

1 THESSALONIANS 5:17

You do not have because you do not ask God.

JAMES 4:2



Whatever you think you need now ...
God wants so much more for you.

“We can be sure our prayers are answered precisely in the way we would want them to be answered if we knew everything God knows.”

– Timothy Keller

HOW DO WE LIVE IN THIS TENSION?

#2

Don't go it alone!

PEOPLE CAN GIVE YOU...

Encouragement
Help

Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will
fulfill the law of Christ.

GALATIANS 6:2

HOW DO WE LIVE IN THIS TENSION?

#3

Be picky with your hope!

¹ I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ³ Then I heard a loud voice from the throne: “Look, God’s dwelling is with humanity, and He will live with them. They will be His peoples, and God Himself will be with them and will be their God.

REVELATION 21:1, 3-4

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² Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. ³ Consider Him who endured such opposition from sinful men, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

HEBREWS 12:2-3