[After Jesus healed the son of the official in Capernaum,] there was a festival of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate. There is a pool, called in Hebrew Beth-zatha, which has five porticoes. In these lay many invalids—blind, lame, and paralyzed. One man was there who had been ill for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had been there a long time, he said to him, “Do you want to be made well?” The sick man answered him, “Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; and
while I am making my way, someone else steps down a-head of me.” Jesus said to him,

“Stand up, take your mat and walk.” At once the man was made well, and he took up his mat and be-gan to walk. Now that day was a sab-bath.

The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, Lord Christ.

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