

Troubled waters



I have seen many pictures of the sky reflected on still waters, but this one is a bit different. What is causing that zig-zag pattern below the boat? It doesn't look like its coming from either the sky or a reflection of the boat, so, what is it?

Frankly, I just can't figure it out and that bothers me some. But, you know, there are some things we just never can understand, so I guess this "troubled waters" picture will just be added to the long list of things I don't know.

BUT, it did remind me of a passage from the Bible in the book of John....

John 5 (World English Bible)

Joh 5:1, After these things, there was a feast of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

Joh 5:2, Now in Jerusalem by the sheep gate, there is a pool, which is called in Hebrew, "Bethesda," having five porches.

Joh 5:3, In these lay a great multitude of those who were sick, blind, lame, or paralyzed, waiting for the moving of the water;

Joh 5:4, for an angel of the Lord went down at certain times into the pool, and stirred up the water. Whoever stepped in first after the stirring of the water was made whole of whatever disease he had.

Joh 5:5, A certain man was there, who had been sick for thirty-eight years.

Joh 5:6, When Jesus saw him lying there, and knew that he had been sick for a long time, he asked him, "Do you want to be made well?"

Joh 5:7, The sick man answered him, "Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up, but while I'm coming, another steps down before me."

Joh 5:8, Jesus said to him, "Arise, take up your mat, and walk."

Joh 5:9, Immediately, the man was made well, and took up his mat and walked. Now it was the Sabbath on that day.

Joh 5:10, So the Jews said to him who was cured, "It is the Sabbath. It is not lawful for you to carry the mat."

Joh 5:11, He answered them, "He who made me well, the same said to me, 'Take up your mat, and walk.'"

Joh 5:12, Then they asked him, "Who is the man who said to you, 'Take up your mat, and walk'?"

Joh 5:13, But he who was healed didn't know who it was, for Jesus had withdrawn, a crowd being in the place.

Joh 5:14, Afterward Jesus found him in the temple, and said to him, "Behold, you are made well. Sin no more, so that nothing worse happens to you."

Joh 5:15, The man went away, and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had made him well.

Joh 5:16, For this cause the Jews persecuted Jesus, and sought to kill him, because he did these things on the Sabbath.

On that list I mentioned earlier, would be the question; how was the angel who came to the pool able to heal people? Also, was there a link between the lame man's crippled life and sin? That Jesus healed him there is no doubt, but exactly how Jesus did it is beyond me. While I am at it, how could the Jews be so upset that the healed one was carrying his mat and yet fail to rejoice over his healing. And to hate Jesus for doing this good deed...?

Part of experiencing the human condition we call life is to encounter things we do not or perhaps will not ever understand. Yet, even in our lack of understanding we find goodness, for looking at the water in the picture and wondering how the pool was used by an angel to heal makes us think and then ponder and that is good. If we do the same things concerning Jesus we are well on our way to growing spiritually and that is a GREAT THING!