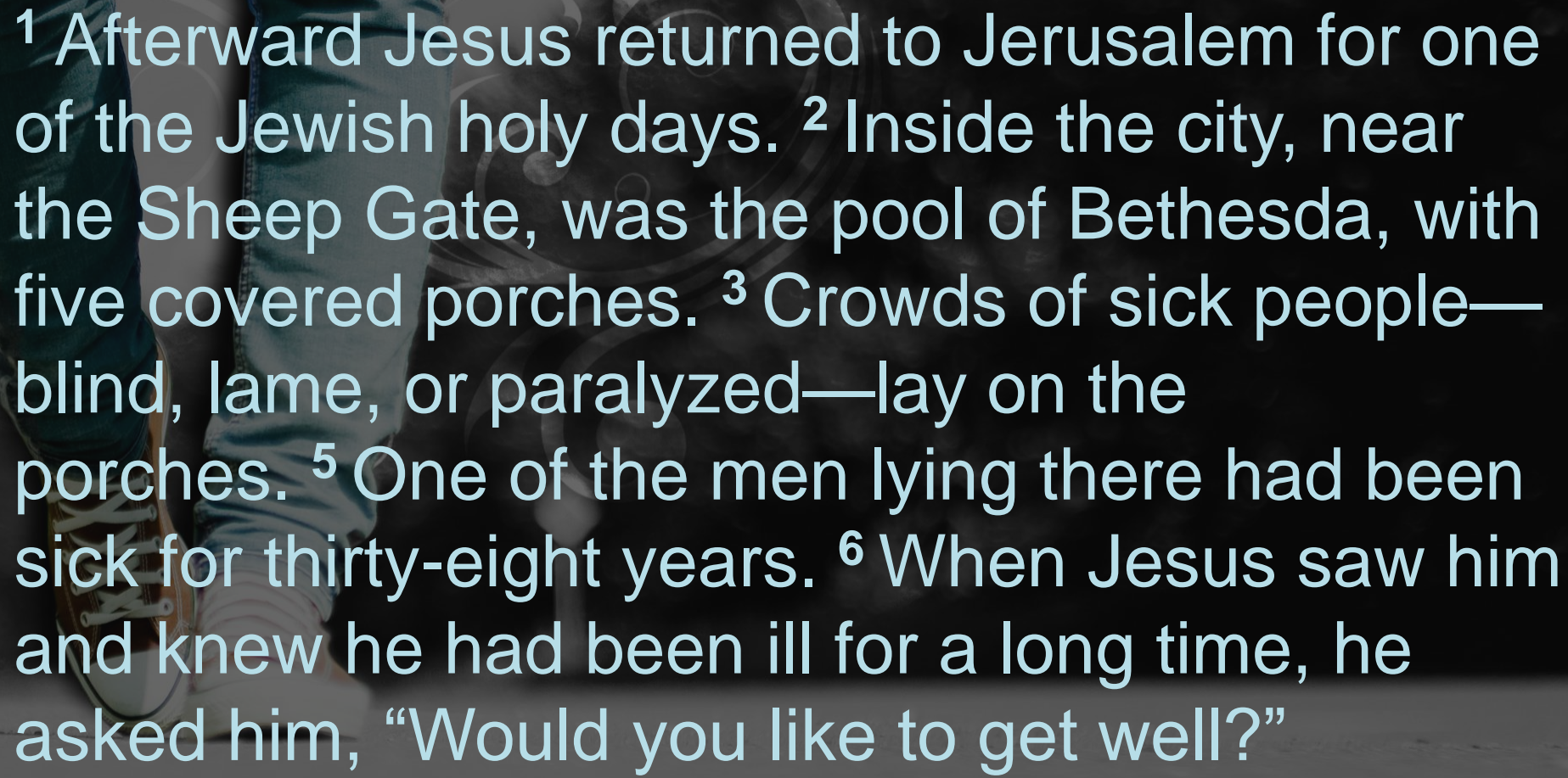
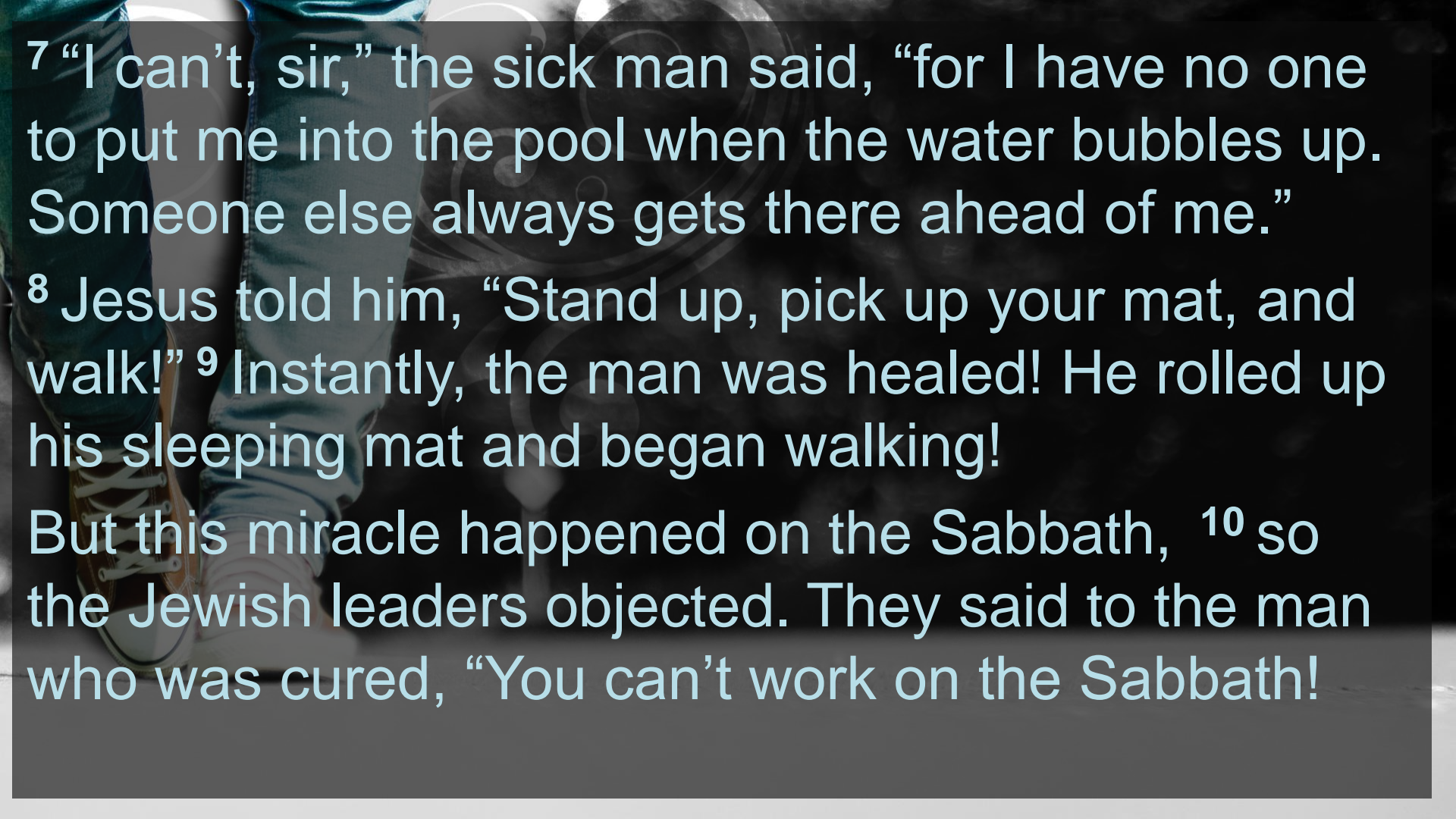




**The greater miracle**

A background image showing the lower legs and feet of a person walking on a sidewalk. They are wearing blue denim jeans and white sneakers with brown laces. The image is slightly blurred and has a dark, semi-transparent overlay where the text is placed.

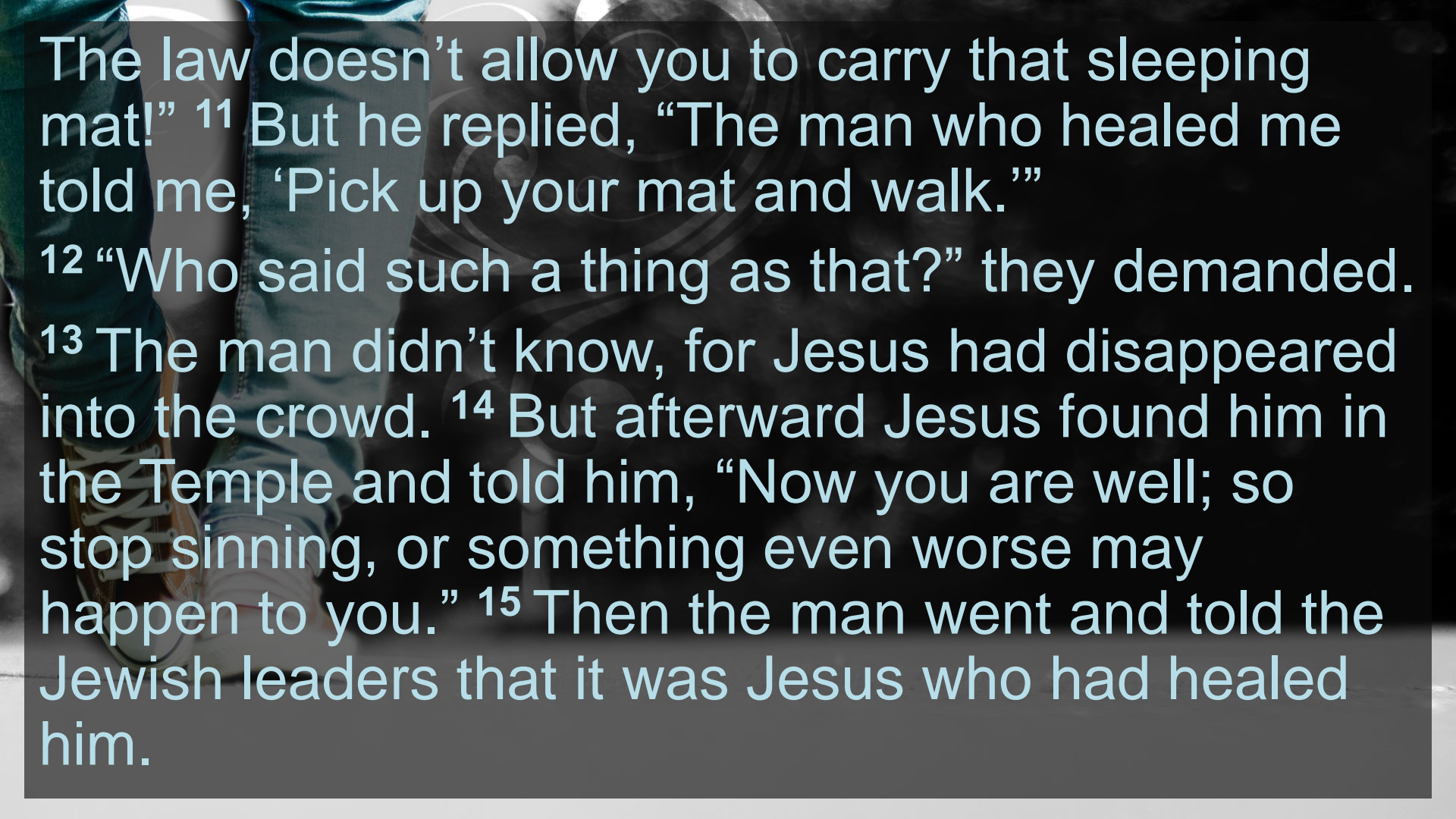
<sup>1</sup> Afterward Jesus returned to Jerusalem for one of the Jewish holy days. <sup>2</sup> Inside the city, near the Sheep Gate, was the pool of Bethesda, with five covered porches. <sup>3</sup> Crowds of sick people—blind, lame, or paralyzed—lay on the porches. <sup>5</sup> One of the men lying there had been sick for thirty-eight years. <sup>6</sup> When Jesus saw him and knew he had been ill for a long time, he asked him, “Would you like to get well?”

A person's legs in blue jeans and brown sneakers are visible on the left side of the image, walking on a dark, reflective surface. The background is dark and blurry, suggesting an indoor setting with a polished floor.

<sup>7</sup> “I can’t, sir,” the sick man said, “for I have no one to put me into the pool when the water bubbles up. Someone else always gets there ahead of me.”

<sup>8</sup> Jesus told him, “Stand up, pick up your mat, and walk!” <sup>9</sup> Instantly, the man was healed! He rolled up his sleeping mat and began walking!

But this miracle happened on the Sabbath, <sup>10</sup> so the Jewish leaders objected. They said to the man who was cured, “You can’t work on the Sabbath!”

A person in a wheelchair is walking on a sidewalk. The wheelchair has a large, prominent gear on the back. The person is wearing blue jeans and brown shoes. The background is a dark, out-of-focus street scene.

The law doesn't allow you to carry that sleeping mat!" <sup>11</sup> But he replied, "The man who healed me told me, 'Pick up your mat and walk.'"

<sup>12</sup> "Who said such a thing as that?" they demanded.


<sup>13</sup> The man didn't know, for Jesus had disappeared into the crowd. <sup>14</sup> But afterward Jesus found him in the Temple and told him, "Now you are well; so stop sinning, or something even worse may happen to you." <sup>15</sup> Then the man went and told the Jewish leaders that it was Jesus who had healed him.

# Paralysed Helpless Alone



# 1. Jesus meets us where we are





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## 2. Too blind to see

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**3. Now you are well, stop sinning**



**4. Something worse may happen**

A white car with yellow and blue markings is parked on a wet asphalt road. The car's license plate reads 'HX13 EHZ'. The road is wet, reflecting the car and the surrounding environment. There are some orange traffic cones visible in the background. The scene is outdoors, with a grassy area on the right side of the road.

## 2 Peter 2:20-21 (NLT)

<sup>20</sup> And when people escape from the wickedness of the world by knowing our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ and then get tangled up and enslaved by sin again, they are worse off than before. <sup>21</sup> It would be better if they had never known the way to righteousness than to know it and then reject the command they were given to live a holy life.

A person's legs in blue jeans and sneakers are visible on the left side of the image, walking on a dark surface. The background is dark with some circular patterns.

## Conclusion

1. Jesus comes to where we are
2. Don't miss out
3. Stop sinning
4. Don't let sin back in
5. Salvation is the greatest miracle