



# News and Current Events:: New finds bolster the historicity of John's Gospel

### New finds bolster the historicity of John's Gospel - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2005/10/27 14:52

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The Pool of Siloam, considered a metaphor in John's Gospel by some New Testament scholars, was in fact a huge basi n at the lowest point in the city of Jerusalem. Recent excavations have uncovered two corners and one side of the pool t hat stretched for half the length of a football field.

"It's very exciting," James Charlesworth, a professor of New Testament at Princeton Theological Seminary, told CT. "It's very important for the study of the New Testament."

Some Johannine experts have suggested the story in John 9 of the blind man whom Jesus healed and told to wash in the Pool of Siloam wasn't much more than a metaphor.

"To dismiss John as not historically important is absurd," Charlesworth said. "Now it becomes clear that the Gospel of John does have reliable historical information. We have found there is such a pool, precisely as John describes it."

### Re: New finds bolster the historicity of John's Gospel - posted by philologos (), on: 2005/10/27 17:12

I've seen some pictures, very impressive too.

## Re: - posted by groh\_frog, on: 2005/10/28 6:02

That's cool. Do you know where we can find some of those pics?

Grace and Peace...

### Re: - posted by philologos (), on: 2005/10/28 13:28

Try this for size. :-D (http://www.bib-arch.org/siloam.pdf) The Pool of Siloam.

### Re: - posted by groh\_frog, on: 2005/10/28 13:31

Sweet! Thanks!

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### Re: New finds bolster the historicity of John's Gospel - posted by Wildhorse (), on: 2005/10/29 7:31

GLORY BE TO GOD!

That is amazing :-D :-D :-D :-D

Cheers

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