

John 4:46-54

John 4:46-47 – *“(46) So Jesus came again into Cana of Galilee, where he made the water wine. And there was a certain nobleman, whose son was sick at Capernaum. (47) When he heard that Jesus was come out of Judæa into Galilee, he went unto him, and besought him that he would come down, and heal his son: for he was at the point of death.”*

- A. Jesus is returning to Cana where He began doing miracles (**John 2:11**).
 - 1. Jesus did miracles to prove that He is the only begotten Son of God (**Acts 2:22**).
 - 2. Miracles caused some to listen to the truth (**Acts 8:6**).
 - 3. Yet, miracles did not always mean people believed in Christ (**John 12:37-41**).
- B. Jesus was often sought by folks to heal the ailing (**Matthew 15:21-22, Matthew 17:14-15, Luke 7:1-3, and Luke 8:41-42**).
 - 1. Just as then, people today often seek Jesus for physical matters rather than to save their souls (**Psalms 106:13-14 and John 6:26-27**).
 - a. False teachers know that people are motivated by material gain. So, they promise people that God will bless them in that way (**II Peter 2:18-19**).
 - b. Ultimately, these people will ask and receive not (**James 4:3**).
 - 2. People are often self-centered (**Philippians 2:21**).
 - 3. All of us should be service minded rather than thinking about personal gain (**Matthew 23:11, Luke 22:24-27, Romans 6:22, and I Corinthians 10:33**).

John 4:48 – *“Then said Jesus unto him, Except ye see signs and wonders, ye will not believe.”*

- A. Think about the statement “except ye see” (**Romans 8:24-25**).
 - 1. You can see disappointment in our Lord’s words (**John 20:24-29**).
 - 2. Our love for Christ ought not require physically seeing Him (**I Peter 1:7-9**).
- B. Why do some act like God has something to prove to us (**Job 33:12-14, Isaiah 29:16, Isaiah 45:9-12, and Romans 9:20**)?
 - 1. Think about the arrogance of “show us” statements (i.e. **Mark 15:32 and John 6:30-33**).
 - 2. Jesus does not think very highly of those who act like God has something to prove to them (**Matthew 16:1-4**).

John 4:49-54 – *“(49) The nobleman saith unto him, Sir, come down ere my child die. (50) Jesus saith unto him, Go thy way; thy son liveth. And the man believed the word that Jesus had spoken unto him, and he went his way. (51) And as he was now going down, his servants met him, and told him, saying, Thy son liveth. (52) Then enquired he of them the hour when he began to amend. And they said unto him, Yesterday at the seventh hour the fever left him. (53) So the father knew that it was at the same hour, in the which Jesus said unto him, Thy son*

liveth: and himself believed, and his whole house. (54) This is again the second miracle that Jesus did, when he was come out of Judæa into Galilee."

A. Did you notice how the nobleman did not respond to what Jesus said in verse 48 (**Jeremiah 5:21**)?

1. Many hear and do not allow God's word to prick their hearts (**Ezekiel 33:31**).
2. Let's never allow God's word to so quickly slip by us (**Proverbs 4:5**).
3. Everyone should have the mindset that Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego had. These three had faith in God even if He did not miraculously save them (**Daniel 3:8-18**).

B. Jesus speaks and so the miracle is done (**Matthew 8:13**).

1. God does not need physical contact with anything to perform a miracle, for His word is sufficient to do great things (**Genesis 1:3, Genesis 1:9, Genesis 1:24, Hebrews 11:3**, etc.).
2. This miracle caused belief (**Hebrews 2:3-4**).
3. Let's not lose the words of Christ however. While the miracle caused belief the Lord wants faith without the need of seeing (**II Corinthians 5:7**).