

When God Shows Up: Seven Miracles in John

Lesson 2

John 4:43-54

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Smart Prayer versus Foolish Prayer

INTRODUCTION

Many people have been stranded, alone or lost for days without food or water. The ones that survived said it was hope, commitment, or belief in seeing that one person in their life again that kept them going. The royal official in today's lesson had a son sick with fever. He was consumed with the thought that his son would die, and he would never see him again. This life on earth is about relationships...with others and God. The official knew of Jesus, and he was so desperate to save his son that he went to Him and begged Him to heal his son even though he didn't believe in Jesus.

We, as Christians, have 'God with us,' Emmanuel (Matthew 1:23). The Holy Spirit is in our hearts (2 Corinthians 1:22). This gives us comfort, purpose, and meaning: love for God and others. When we are given a great gift, we want to share it with other people. God has given us a new life, and we will be eternally with Him. There is no greater gift that you can share than this "good news" (Matthew 9:35).

Memory verse: "Go,' Jesus replied, 'your son will live.' The man took Jesus at his word and departed."—John 4:50

Pray, and read John 4:43-54. What questions or observations do you have about this passage?

OBSERVATION: What does the passage say?

1. “Now Jesus himself had pointed out that a prophet has no honor in his own country.” (John 4:44) What country was Jesus headed to? (John 4:43)
2. How did the Galileans treat Jesus when He arrived, and why? (John 4:45)
3. What was the state of the royal official’s son? (John 4:46)
4. The royal official traveled to beg Jesus to heal his son. Jesus said, “Unless you people see signs and wonders, you will never believe.” What does the Biblical text say the official did in response to this? (John 4:50)

3. “So he [the official] and his whole household believed.” (John 4:53) What does belief in Jesus mean for the official? Does it mean Jesus is a good teacher, a prophet of God, the Jewish messiah to come, or the Son of God and Savior? (Acts 11:14)

APPLICATION: How do the passages apply to your life?

1. If you had seen all the things Jesus did at the Passover Festival and the miracles His disciples saw, how do you think that would have affected your belief in Jesus, the Christ?

