

DIGGING DEEPER



Walking in Truth

1. What did you learn from our study in John 4:43-54 that you did not already know? What one change do you purpose to make in your life as a result of this study?
2. Attempt to identify with the nobleman by describing a time in your life when your child, or someone especially close to you, was gravely ill. How did you respond?
3. Why does Jesus heal the nobleman's son without visiting with the boy and physically touching him? What significance does this fact have on your prayers?
4. Explain the nobleman's progression of faith (Jn. 4:48, 50, 53) and the effect his faith had on others. Why is the phrase "your son lives" repeated three times? (Jn. 4:50, 51, 53)
5. How does this miracle prove that "Jesus is the Christ (Messiah) the Son of God"? (Jn. 20:30, 31)

FOR LONG HANDLED SHOVELS

- Explain why you think "signs and wonders" facilitate or distract from faith in God?
- Why does Jesus rebuke those who seek "signs and wonders"?
- Why must we "walk by faith, not by sight"? (II Cor. 5:7)

Healing the Nobleman's Son



JOHN 4:43-54

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Seven Signs that Jesus is
Messiah & God*

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John 4:43–54

⁴³ Now after the two days He departed from there and went to Galilee. ⁴⁴ For Jesus Himself testified that a prophet has no honor in his own country. ⁴⁵ So when He came to Galilee, the Galileans received Him, having seen all the things He did in Jerusalem at the feast; for they also had gone to the feast. ⁴⁶ So Jesus came again to Cana of Galilee where He had made the water wine. And there was a certain nobleman whose son was sick at Capernaum. ⁴⁷ When he heard that Jesus had come out of Judea into Galilee, he went to Him and implored Him to come down and heal his son, for he was at the point of death. ⁴⁸ Then Jesus said to him, “Unless you *people* see signs and wonders, you will by no means believe.” ⁴⁹ The nobleman said to Him, “Sir, come down before my child dies!” ⁵⁰ Jesus said to him, “Go your way; your son lives.” So the man believed the word that Jesus spoke to him, and he went his way. ⁵¹ And as he was now going down, his servants met him and told *him*, saying, “Your son lives!” ⁵² Then he inquired of them the hour when he got better. And they said to him, “Yesterday at the seventh hour the fever left him.” ⁵³ So the father knew that *it was* at the same hour in which Jesus said to him, “Your son lives.” And he himself believed, and his whole household. ⁵⁴ This again *is* the second sign Jesus did when He had come out of Judea into Galilee.

The Father Heard

1. When? (43)
2. Where? (43, 45, 46)
3. Who is the father? (46)
4. What did he hear? (47)

The Father Believed

1. What did he do? (47)
2. What did Jesus do? (48)
3. How did the father respond? (49)
4. What did Jesus do? (50)
5. What did the father believe? (50)

The Father Knew

1. When did he know? (51-53)
2. What resulted from what he knew? (53)

*Sometimes God
allows us to experience desperate faith
in order to move us toward deliberate faith.*