



Week Three: John 4:43-54
“Jesus Heals the Official’s Son”

Study Guide for the week of
September 26, 2021

Read John 4:43-54. Some questions to answer and discuss:

1. What are some things that people believe in that they either haven’t seen or can’t see?
2. What did Jesus say about miraculous signs? ([4:48](#))
3. What did Jesus say in response to the royal official’s renewed request? ([4:50](#))
4. What impact did Jesus’ healing have on the royal official’s household? ([4:53](#))
5. When do we usually find ourselves asking God to help us?
6. What impact would a miraculous event have in your life?
7. What is something specific you can thank God for doing in your life?

Going deeper: More questions for discussion and reflection:

1. In what ways is Jesus without honor among his own people today?
2. Is your faith deepening, or are you “stuck” in a place of immature faith?
3. What steps of obedience might you need to take to experience a deepening of your faith?
4. Is your faith a “sharing faith”? Why or why not? How can we help one another to grow in this critical area of faith?

Prayer Points

1. Pray that, as disciples, our faith in Jesus would be ever-deepening.
2. Pray that Community of Hope would be a people who are known for sharing our faith in Christ in gracious, winsome, and creative ways.

Life Application Bible Notes

[4:46-49](#) This government official was probably an officer in Herod's service. He had walked 20 miles to see Jesus and addressed him as "Lord," putting himself under Jesus even though he had legal authority over Jesus.

[4:48](#) This miracle was more than a favor to one official; it was a sign to all the people. John's Gospel was written to all humankind to urge faith in Christ. Here a government official had faith that Jesus could do what he claimed. The official believed; *then* he saw a miraculous sign.

[4:50](#) This government official not only believed Jesus could heal; he also obeyed Jesus by returning home, thus demonstrating his faith. It isn't enough for us to say we believe that Jesus can take care of our problems. We need to act as if he can. When you pray about a need or problem, live as though you believe Jesus can do what he says.

Jesus Teaches in Jerusalem: Between [chapters 4](#) and [5](#) of John, Jesus ministered throughout Galilee, especially in Capernaum. He had been calling certain men to follow him, but it wasn't until after this trip to Jerusalem ([5:1](#)) that he chose his 12 disciples from among them.

[4:51](#) Jesus' miracles were not mere illusions. Although the official's son was 20 miles away, he was healed when Jesus spoke the word. Distance was no problem because Christ has mastery over space. We can never put so much space between ourselves and Christ that he can no longer help us.

[4:53](#) Notice how the official's faith grew. First, he believed enough to ask Jesus to help his son. Second, he believed Jesus' assurance that his son would live, and he acted on it. Third, he and his whole house believed in Jesus. Faith is a gift that grows as we use it.

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