

## **Word of God Speak! - Gospel of John Series 4b**

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*John 4:43-54*

*43 At the end of the two days, Jesus went on to Galilee. 44 He Himself had said that a prophet is not honored in his own hometown.*

*45 Yet the Galileans welcomed Him, for they had been in Jerusalem at the Passover celebration and had seen everything He did there.*

*46 As He traveled through Galilee, He came to Cana, where He had turned the water into wine. There was a government official in nearby Capernaum whose son was very sick.*

*47 When he heard that Jesus had come from Judea to Galilee, he went and begged Jesus to come to Capernaum to heal his son, who was about to die.*

*48 Jesus asked, **“Will you never believe in Me unless you see miraculous signs and wonders?”***

*49 The official pleaded, “Lord, please come now before my little boy dies.”*

*50 Then Jesus told him, **“Go back home. Your son will live!”** And the man believed what Jesus said and started home.*

*51 While the man was on his way, some of his servants met him with the news that his son was alive and well.*

52 He asked them when the boy had begun to get better, and they replied, “Yesterday afternoon at one o’clock his fever suddenly disappeared!”

53 Then the father realized that that was the very time Jesus had told him, **“Your son will live.”** And he and his entire household **believed in Jesus.**

54 This was the second miraculous sign Jesus did in Galilee after coming from Judea.

**Why did this government official go to Jesus?**

**How far did he travel?**

**What was he hoping for, asking Jesus to do?**

*John 4:47-48*

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**Why does Jesus’ response seem a little harsh?**

**What was wrong with why the man came to Jesus?**

**Should we believe Jesus’ works?**

*John 14:8-11*

8 Philip said, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.”

9 Jesus replied, *“Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and yet you still don’t know who I am? Anyone who has seen Me has seen the Father! So why are you asking Me to show Him to you?”*

10 *Don’t you believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in Me? The words I speak are not My own, but My Father who lives in Me does His work through Me.*

11 *Just believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in Me. Or at least believe because of the work you have seen Me do.*

**Does Jesus’ words here contradict His response to the government official?**

*\*See Prov. 30:5a, Mark 4:24-25, John 1:1*

**Is Jesus’ Word any less than His presence?**

*John 4:50*

*Then Jesus told him, “Go back home. Your son will live!” And the man believed what Jesus said and started home.*

**When was this man’s real faith demonstrated?**

**Jesus warned about seeking, believing “great signs and wonders” ...**

*For false messiahs and false prophets will rise up and perform great signs and wonders so as to deceive, if possible, even God’s chosen ones. Matthew 24:24*

## Are all “great signs and wonders” from God?

*John 4:51-53*

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*53 Then the father realized that that was the very time Jesus had told him, **“Your son will live.”** **And he and his entire household believed in Jesus.***

**When exactly was the son healed? See vs. 50.**

**What can we learn from this passage of scripture?**