

1. **GOD LOVES YOU** and wants you to have **eternal life with Him**.

*John 3:16 "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life."*

But most people aren't experiencing a meaningful life and aren't sure that they have eternal life because...

2. Man has a **SIN problem** which **SEPARATES** him from GOD. Every one has sinned.

*Romans 3:23 "for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God"*

3. The **good news** is that **JESUS CHRIST** is God's **solution** to your sin problem. He is the **ONLY way** to heaven.

*1 Peter 3:18 "For Christ also died for sins once and for all, the just for the unjust, in order that He might bring us to God..."*

4. Therefore you must **REPENT** of your sins and place your **FAITH** in **JESUS alone** to **save** you.

*Ephesians 2:8-9 "For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the GIFT OF GOD; not as a result of works, that no one should boast."*

5. Upon believing and receiving Jesus, you have a **NEW LIFE** with complete assurance of **SALVATION**.

*1 John 5:13 "I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life."*



*Healing of a Nobleman's Son: Grace in the Midst of Imperfect Faith*

(John 4:54-64 )  
Last week's message

Word spreads from Cana about the first miracle of Jesus, as that small village marvels at the water turned to wine. The publicity of Jesus' ministry launches even before the second miracle occurs in the gospel of John. And Cana was just the beginning; following John's narrative, Jesus travels to Jerusalem for the Passover and cleanses the temple of the money changers and merchants. This was a public spectacle witnessed and heard of by the thousands of Jews who had made the pilgrimage to Jerusalem for the Passover. John also records that it was there that many people saw Jesus perform other signs which the apostle does not detail (v. 3). It was there that Jesus caught the attention of such men as Nicodemus, a Pharisee and member of the Jewish Ruling Council who pays Jesus a covert, evening visit in chapter 3 and mentions these signs. But even as his publicity grows with the people, recognition of him as the true Messiah, so long awaited for, does not.

**I. Welcoming Jesus with superficial faith – the case of the Galileans (vv. 43-45)**

Jesus says that a prophet has no honour in his own country. Having been born in Galilee himself, Jesus speaks out against the seemingly warm welcome of the Galileans toward him. He would not entrust himself to them, for he knew all people. He sees their hearts and knows that their faith is superficial, driven by attraction or fascination with the signs and wonders he performed – not a faith anchored by the belief that Jesus is the Messiah and that He alone can save them from their sins.

Nicodemus and the brothers of Jesus themselves possess a faith not very different from that of the Galileans. Initially, Nicodemus decides Jesus to be simply a teacher who has come from God – not the Messiah (although later Nicodemus does indeed become a true follower of Christ). The brothers of Jesus, too, in John 7:3-5, are seen to believe in his miracles, but not in his identity as the Saviour. It was with this type of faith that the Galileans warmly welcome Jesus at his return.

**II. Seeking Jesus with imperfect faith – the case of the royal official (vv. 46-50)**

A royal official, no ordinary Jew but instead one of the privileged few, has a son who falls gravely ill. Desperate to save his son from death, the official hears that Jesus has arrived at Cana and travels the 25 miles between Capernaum and Cana to seek his help. There he begs Jesus to come with him and heal his son.

Jesus responds to not only the official, but also to the crowds who were likely loitering around watching his every word and move. He exposes their superficial faith saying in v. 48, "Unless you people see signs and wonders...you will never believe." As for the faith of the official, we see that it is both authentic and imperfect. We see that his understanding of Jesus' power is limited by his begging that Jesus COME and HEAL his son. He does not understand that Jesus is the sustainer and author of life, bound by neither distance nor time. But when Jesus tells him to go and that his son will live, the official takes Jesus for his word and obeys in unquestioned submission.

**III. Experiencing the grace of Christ that led to healing and salvation: the case of the dying son, the official, and the rest of the official's family (vv. 50-54)**

The story is not merely about the miracle, the healing of the boy. Rather, the story is about how the miracle points to the truth about Jesus Christ, that He is the Messiah. The incredible healing speaks of the glory of Jesus as the Messiah. And in v. 53, we see that the Messiah gives more than just health back to the child. Through the grace of God, He gives eternal life to the official and his whole household who believed.



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