

The Life of Christ

The Galilean Ministry of Jesus

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- The healing of the nobleman's son [John 4:46-54]
 - ✦ John 4:46-47: Jesus returned to Cana of Galilee.
 - This was where Jesus had performed His first miracle.
 - An unnamed royal official had a sick son at Capernaum.
 - This was likely an official in the court of Herod.
 - He was in a position such that he was able to know about the movements of Jesus, so he would also have known about Jesus' miracles at the feast [John 2:23].
 - The royal official traveled to Cana to see Jesus.
 - It is likely that this official had already exhausted the significant means at his disposal to get help for his son.
 - Because his son was near death, he undertook the 20+ mile trek to Cana to ask for help from Jesus.
 - ✦ John 4:48: Jesus spoke a sharp rebuke to the royal official.
 - His rebuke was, in fact, directed toward the Jewish people who were demanding signs [1 Cor 1:22].
 - This may indicate that the royal official was Jewish.
 - ✦ John 4:49: The royal official begged Jesus to save his son.
 - This shows that he was not offended by Jesus' rebuke.
 - He truly believed that Jesus could heal his son.
 - ✦ John 4:50: Jesus told the royal official his son was healed.
 - The royal official believed what Jesus told him.
 - He immediately headed back to Capernaum.
 - ✦ John 4:51-53: The royal official believed in Jesus.
 - He learned that his son had gotten well at the exact moment when Jesus told him, "Your son lives".
 - He then believed in Jesus along with his entire household.
 - ✦ John 4:54: This was the second sign Jesus had performed at Cana of Galilee.
 - Both of these signs attest to Jesus being the Promised One.
 - Just like when Jesus turned the water to wine, the audience for this sign was limited.
 - Only the disciples and some servants saw Jesus turn the water to wine and this healing was not in public view.