

Series "Jesus: God And Savior"
"Believing Without Seeing"
John 4:43-54
Part-13

The word **"Believe" 98X** in John's Gospel. **John 20:30-31**

"Miracles have a place in creating the response of faith, provided faith looks on from the sign to the Savior Himself." John 12:37

The second miracle of John's Gospel illustrates the progress or development of faith: From Belief based on signs, to Belief based on the Word of Jesus, culminating in Belief based on the person of Jesus! **John 4:53**

Public Ministry: (3 years) John 1:19-12:50

Theme of John – "Jesus: God And Savior"

Thought Of Our Passage: "The Greatest Faith Trusts In The Person Of Jesus Christ, Even With The Absence Of Tangible Evidence."

1. Verses 43-48 – Seeing Is Believing

2. Verses 49-54 – Believing Is Seeing

1. Verses 43-48 – Seeing Is Believing:

John 4:43

"After the two days" – John 4:40

John 4:42 – "this One is indeed the Savior of the world."

"He went forth from there into Galilee." – Jesus left Judea because of the popularity; superficial jealousy of the Pharisees.

John 4:44

"testified that a prophet has no honor in his own country." – This proverb is quoted in Matthew 13:57; Mark 6:4; Luke 4:24.

John Uses The Proverb In Connection With Jesus' Welcome; The Others Gospels, With Jesus' Rejection In Nazareth – Luke 4:22-24.

Luke 4:28-30

Jesus knew that if He returned from Jerusalem in triumph, He would gain a wider audience for the message of truth!

John 4:45

"So when He came to Galilee, the Galileans received Him," – What led the Galileans to receiving Jesus? – "having seen all the things that He did in Jerusalem at the feast; for they themselves also went to the feast." – "they welcomed Him as a miracle worker, not as Savior."

John 2:23

John 4:46

"where He had made the water wine." – Authority over nature; He was the God of Quality.

"a royal official," – Nobleman; literally "King's man." He was an officer of King Herod Antipas, the Tetrarch of Galilee (4 BC to 39 AD).

"whose son was sick" – Verb implies "the boy had been in general decline reaching a critical point in sickness."

"sick at Capernaum." – This city is 18 miles away.

John 4:47

"When he heard that Jesus had come out of Judea into Galilee," – Secondhand Knowledge.

A Crisis Led Him To God.

Would this man have come to Jesus had his son not been sick?
Psalm 119:71

Persistence In Prayer: "and was imploring Him" – "he kept on begging Jesus", Matthew 7:7.

The Man limited God: "to come down"

John 11:21

John 11:32

"for he was at the point of death." – He was not asking this because he was rich, well known, or had a good reputation, but based on the mercy of God.

John 4:48 – “Unless you people” – that is plural. He is speaking to the man and the crowd that was present.

“Unless you people see signs and wonders, you simply will not believe.” – John 6:26-27.

God Teaches – “Believing Is Seeing.” The World teaches – “Seeing Is Believing.”

“Signs” – “wonderful signs” suggest a spiritual aspect of miracles. They were intended to convey some deeper truth, that Jesus performed them through the direct authority of God.

“and wonders” – “marvelous miracles.” This drew attention to the external aspect of the miracles. They were designed to startle people, get their attention.

“you simply will not believe.” – Jesus knew that this type of faith is shallow, and the only way to maintain it is by succession of miracles.

Jesus did not come to heal but to bring salvation. He did not want to be known as the miracle worker, or the healer, but the Savior.

2. Verses 49-54 – Believing Is Seeing:

John 4:49 – “The royal official said to Him, ‘Sir,’ – “supreme in authority, God, Lord, master.”

“come down before my child dies.” – Literally he says, “Come, before my dear little boy dies.”

John 4:50

The words “son lives” 3X – verse 50, 51, 53. “You may go. Your son is living, whole.” Not future but present. He is alive and will live.

Jesus reveals that the higher basis of faith is believing in His Word!

“Don’t just believe in what I can do for your little boy. Believe in who I Am.”

Confident Faith: “The man believed” – the word “believe” 98X in John.

John 4:51-52

"Yesterday at the seventh hour the fever left him." – That would be 1:00 PM.

A Confirmed Faith: God confirms His Word through others.

John 4:53

A Contagious Faith: "and he himself believed, and his whole household." – Belief based on the person of Jesus!

John 4:54

1. The first sign was water into wine – Master of Quality – Changing water into wine in Cana, 2:1-11. Jesus can keep the joy in when our world has run out!

2. The second sign – Master of Distance and Space – Healing an official's son in Capernaum, 4:46-54.

Application:

1. To Increase Ones Faith, We Must Hear God's Word, Romans 10:17;
To Immerse Ourselves In God's Word So The Seed Will Grow:
Colossians 3:16.
2. To Increase Ones Faith, We Must Exercise Our Faith. Every Day Offers Opportunities To Trust God. Practical Obedience Is Faith In Action.