

The WORD That Accomplishes Miracles - John 4:42-54

Are you only on a journey of seeking God's help or a quest for signs to believe more deeply?

Context: Jesus' miraculous signs in Cana – John 2:11; 4:54

- Jesus' first miracle was turning water into wine as a sign of his extravagant love for us and its power to transform us (2:1-11).
- As God's **love** is a major theme of John so is our **believing** which appears almost 100 times in this gospel. - John 2:23; 3:16; 4:42
- Time will tell if the official moves from believing to Believer.

I. A Royal Official Hears About Jesus and Asks For Help – John 4:43-49

1. Who is Jesus to this royal official and why does he seek him?

II. The Man Believes The Words Of Jesus – John 4:50-52

1. How does this man demonstrate he trust Jesus' words?

III. The Father Becomes A Believer In Jesus – John 4:52-54

1. How does this father's belief change and why?

2. Who is Jesus to us?

- Genesis 1:1, John 1:1-4; 20:25, 29-30

Devotional:

1. Like this royal official, is there anything you want to ask Jesus?
2. Would anything change if you more deeply believed that Jesus' words are more than informative but powerful?
3. By nature, are you cynical of Christianity or more of an optimist looking for reasons to believe in Jesus? Why?
4. In what way does this miracle challenge or encourage your own belief in Jesus? What steps of faith do you need to take?

Close: Listen to what Jesus Christ is saying to you and believe!

John 4:10 Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water."

John 5:24 Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life.

John 7:38 Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, 'Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.'"

John 8:12 Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

John 10:3-4 To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice.

John 11:40 Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?"

John 12:36 While you have the light, believe in the light, that you may become sons of light."

John 13:15, 17 For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you. If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them.

John 14:12-13 "Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father. ¹³Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.

John 14:21 Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him."

John 15:7-8 If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples.

John 15:11 These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

John 16:33 I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world."

John 17:25-26 O righteous Father, even though the world does not know you, I know you, and these know that you have sent me. ²⁶I made known to them your name, and I will continue to make it known, that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.