

The Miracles of Jesus
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Miracle: "A Happening with Which Human Reasoning Has Yet To Catch Up."

-Dr. William Augustus Jones

Miracle #2 – Jesus Heals the Nobleman's Son

- **John 4:43-47**

"A certain nobleman." The word translated **"nobleman"** means **"royal official."** He was a ranking officer of King Herod. When he heard that Jesus was in Cana of Galilee, he traveled 20 miles to get to Jesus. He had heard of the miracle of water being turned to wine, and reasoned that the **"Miracle Man"** whom they called Jesus could deliver his son from dying. He comes to Jesus not as a high official; an important man, but he comes to Jesus as an anxious and concerned father.

"His dying son" - Twice the scripture emphasizes the fact that the son was **"at the point of death"** and dying. A true emergency existed. It is of note that the father and not the mother comes to Jesus. I am persuaded that if more fathers were aggressive in responsible parenthood, we would have fewer undisciplined and disrespectful children.

It is the religious practice of the father of the family that determines the future attendance at or absence from church of the children. If both father and mother attend church regularly it is likely that the children will attend church regularly. If a mother attends regularly, but the father does not, only 33% of children will attend church regularly. If the father attends regularly, but the mother does not, approximately 80% of the children will attend church regularly. The father's influence, from the determination of a child's sex to a child's religious practice, is of grave and great significance to a child.

- **John 4:48-50**

When we look at this miracle, we see a repeated theme . . . **FAITH**. The word believe occurs 3 times.

- **John 4:48**
- **John 4:50**
- **John 4:53**

The father in the text believed; he had faith. He would not have traveled 20 miles if he did not believe that Jesus could heal his son.

The 2nd miracle establishes and gives us the PASSWORD for miracles . . . **“BELIEVE.”**

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- **Mark 9:24**

When Jesus said in verse 48 **“Except ye see signs and wonders, ye will not believe;”** He was giving clearance on salvation for all who would believe in the resurrection.

- **John 20:29**

One of the main themes of John’s gospel is faith.

- **John 20:30, 31**
- **John 4:51-53**

On the father’s return home some of his servants met him and told him that his son was alright.

The father had expected a gradual recovery. He asked his servants “when did MY son begin to get better?” The servants replied at 1:00 p.m. (the 7th hour) his son was healed. It was the same hour, 1:00 p.m., that Jesus had spoken **“your son lives.”** Jesus spoke and it was done.

When his son was healed, everyone in the official’s household became believers.

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