

Gospel of John (lesson 13)

Review:

In the last lesson, John 4:27-42, Jesus stayed in Samaria two days where many of the Samaritans believed he was the Messiah.

John 4:43-54

43 Now after the two days He departed from there and went to Galilee. 44 For Jesus Himself testified that a prophet has no honor in his own country.

People will accept an unknown before someone that they saw grow up. It could be jealousy or an unwillingness to receive from someone that is common or familiar, or considered an equal.

45 So when He came to Galilee, the Galileans received Him, having seen all the things He did in Jerusalem at the feast; for they also had gone to the feast.

This is referring to John 2:13-22 where Jesus drove the money changers out of the temple.

46 So Jesus came again to Cana of Galilee where He had made the water wine. And there was a certain nobleman whose son was sick at Capernaum. 47 When he heard that Jesus had come out of Judea into Galilee, he went to Him and implored Him to come down and heal his son, for he was at the point of death.

This nobleman was desperate. It was 15 miles from Capernaum to Cana. The physicians and religious leaders did not have the cure for his son. Jesus was establishing his ministry with signs and miracles.

48 Then Jesus said to him, “Unless you people see signs and wonders, you will by no means believe.”

49 The nobleman said to Him, “Sir, come down before my child dies!”

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50 Jesus said to him, “Go your way; your son lives.” [Go! Bincha chai (your son lives)!] (Orthodox Jewish Bible OJB)

Here we see the power of God. Jesus does not go to the boy, does not pray or even speak to the situation. Jesus tells him to go home, I have answered your request. Some translations have Jesus exclaiming the healing. This encounter with the nobleman was very public. The arrival of the nobleman would have gathered a crowd.

So the man believed the word that Jesus spoke to him, and he went his way.

Faith comes by hearing the word of God.

51 And as he was now going down, his servants met him and told him, saying, “Your son lives!”

52 Then he inquired of them the hour when he got better. And they said to him, “Yesterday at the seventh hour the fever left him.” 53 So the father knew that it was at the same hour in which Jesus said to him, “Your son lives.” And he himself believed, and his whole household.

This is the ripple effect of miracles. The healing ministered not only to the boy, but the nobleman, and his entire household.

54 This again is the second sign Jesus did when He had come out of Judea into Galilee.

The first miracle was the turning of the water to wine at the wedding of Cana.