

Sermon Notes

Lord Of Time And Space

“Therefore He came again to Cana of Galilee where He had made the water wine. And there was a royal official whose son was sick at Capernaum. When he heard that Jesus had come out of Judea into Galilee, he went to Him and was imploring Him to come down and heal his son; for he was at the point of death. So Jesus said to him, "Unless you people see signs and wonders, you simply will not believe." The royal official said to Him, "Sir, come down before my child dies." Jesus said to him, "Go; your son lives." The man believed the word that Jesus spoke to him and started off. As he was now going down, his slaves met him, saying that his son was living. So he inquired of them the hour when he began to get better. Then they said to him, "Yesterday at the seventh hour the fever left him." So the father knew that it was at that hour in which Jesus said to him, "Your son lives"; and he himself believed and his whole household. This is again a second sign that Jesus performed when He had come out of Judea into Galilee. (John 4:46-54)

1. What is the sign?

2. What do we learn about Jesus from this sign?

For Further Thought And Discussion

Getting Started

1. What was helpful to you in this week's sermon? What didn't you understand?
2. What do you currently believe in which you can't see? If you only believed in what you could see, what could you no longer believe in?

Going Deeper

1. Please read John 4:46-54. How do you think this father was feeling? Describe a time when you felt like him. Capernaum is 25 miles from Cana and over 3000 feet higher in elevation. Why does the father go himself rather than staying home with his son and sending someone else?
2. When the father finds Jesus in Cana and begs Him to return home with him to heal his son, why do you suppose Jesus answers as He does?
3. How did John know the man believed Jesus? What does this tell you about the exercise of true faith?
4. Notice that the text tells us the man believed two times: he believed the word Jesus spoke to him, and he believed (along with his entire family) once he got home and discovered that his son was not only healed but healed at the very time Jesus said he would be healed. What do you make of these two separate occasions of faith? What does this tell you about the nature of faith?
5. What does this sign tell you about Jesus?