

Healing of Royal Official's Son



Overview: Healing of Royal Official's Son

- **The account of the healing of the royal official's son is found in **John 4:46-54**. This miracle is one of the signs recorded by John to demonstrate the divine authority and power of Jesus Christ.**
- **The event takes place in Cana of Galilee, the same location Jesus turned water into wine (**John 2:1-11**). The royal official in service to Herod Antipas, approaches Jesus with a desperate plea for his ailing son, who is at the point of death in Capernaum.**

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- **The man's royal official suggests he was a person of considerable influence and wealth.**
- **The nobleman, having heard of Jesus' miraculous abilities, travels approximately 20 miles from Capernaum to Cana. Upon finding Jesus, he implores Him to come and heal his son. Jesus responds, "Unless you people see signs and wonders, you will never believe" (John 4:48).**

Considerations for Discussion

- **How do you reconcile Jesus' rebuke in verse 48 to John 20:31?**
- **What do the royal official actions reveal about his faith in Jesus?**
- **What do the factors of the time and place of the healing tell about God's power?**
- **What is the social impact of the healing of the little boy on others?**

Apparent Purpose of the Miracle

- **It is a sign of His Messiahship, demonstrating His deity.**
 - **The purpose of the miracle in its context was to bring faith.**
 - **Faith is the result of trusting the words of God for the effects of God.**
 - **The man believed His word.**
 - **There is a stress on faith and on life being given.**

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- **Why is this miracle significant in the context of John's gospel?**
 - **Does Jesus have to be physically present for people to believe his words and experience the effect?**
 - **No.**
 - **Why is that important?**
 - **Because Jesus is going to go away.**
 - **Is long distance a barrier to the Jesus?**
 - **No. There will be other miracles when Jesus returns to the Father.**

Application: Miracle to Our Life

- Faith is indispensable in pleasing God. Hebrews 11:6.**
- Distance is no barrier to the power of God.**
- Faith in God's word is preferred over faith in God's wonders.**
- That is why Jesus is perturbed that this people will not believe unless they see. The opportunity to see miracles is so limited that few will have a chance to see and believe. Most will have to just hear and believe.**