

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. **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.

V43 – Departed from there and went to Galilee – Jn 4:1-4, Ch 2:1-12 @ Wedding/Galilee

John 2:13 - Now the Passover of the Jews was at hand, (Spring/Year) and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

John 2:14-22 – Jesus cleanses the temple

John 2:23 - Now when He was in Jerusalem at the Passover, during the feast, many believed in His name when they saw the signs which He did.

John 3:1-21 – Jesus and Nicodemus

John 3:23-36 – Jesus with John Baptist in Judea, by the Jordan -> John 4:1-4

John 4:5-42 - Samaritan Woman – Barrier Buster...

Healing of the Nobleman’s Son – (Only account is in John, It will be the 2nd sign.)

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.

* Map – Nazareth to Cana

* Begs the question – Why Cana and not Nazareth his home town!

* Think the answer has to do with **V44**

- Jesus was not accepted in the Temple in Jerusalem, in His Father’s House

- Jesus will not be accepted in Nazareth, in His Mother/Stepfather’s house, in home town

- Jesus was accepted in Samaria! Jesus was accepted in “Galilee”

Respond - Why was he rejected by some and accepted by others?

- Rejected by Religious – blinded by their religious teaching/leaders **Matt 23:16, 24, 13, 15**

- He was accepted by those who believed what they saw/heard from HIM!!!

- We can too!

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.

* He heard...He went to him – Who is he? The Nobleman = Servant of the King

- Herod Antipas, son of Herod the Great, Tetrarch of Galilee/Perea, Beheaded John/Baptist

* Implored Him/Come down/Heal his son

- Somehow this Roman Government Official, from Herod/Antipas’ court Heard!

- Heard what He did in Cana (Ch 2)? Heard from Galileans @ the Feast V45

* Evidently what he heard was so convincing that he believed that Jesus could heal his son!!!

- Here is this Roman official, w/son at the point of death, Heard of Jesus, so he came/faith!

Respond – Do you see the power of your testimony of who Jesus is? What Jesus has done?

1. We can share the Gospel (Good News) of Jesus

– Who He is! Messiah/Christ; Son of God, Savior of the World

- What He has done! **1 Corin 15:1-4**

- What He has done in our lives! Heal/broken hearted, Proclaim Liberty/Captives, Recovery of Sight/Blind, Liberty/Oppressed, **Eph 2:4-13** – **In Christ Jesus!**

2. This is what James McDonald calls a Ripe Apple! Harvest is Ready!

- When we see these life events/situations, when people/great times/need, Intro them/Jesus!

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

1 Corin 1:22 For Jews request a sign (proof as Messiah), and Greeks seek after wisdom; (Philosophers)

Respond – He provides both! What do you need to believe? What does your friend need?

49 The nobleman said to Him, “Sir, come down before my child dies!” **50** Jesus said to him, “Go your way; your son lives.” So the man **believed the word** that **Jesus spoke** to him, and he went his way. **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.”

* Map - So, as he was “going down,” they were “coming up.”

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

1. V50 - The man believed – the word that Jesus spoke to him

2. V53 – he himself believed – What others had told him, that Jesus was/Christ/Son/Savior

3. V53 – His whole household **believed** –

* Believe – 266T/NT, 139/Gospels, 101/John

* We all have to believe in something!

* His whole family believed because...

- They heard the Father when he left

- They saw the boy’s fever leave

- They heard the Father when He returned

- They saw the Father believe – In the words of Jesus and the power of Jesus!

* Both proving that He is the Christ, the Son and the Savior of the World!

Respond – We can be used as witnesses like this father

* You can believe, because you heard, saw, heard, saw!

Communion

Respond - Rejected by Religious, was accepted by those who believed what they saw/heard from HIM!!!

Respond – People can see the power of your testimony of who Jesus. What Jesus has done.

Respond – He provides both! Signs/Wisdom What do you, your friend need?

Respond – You can believe, because you heard, saw, heard, saw!