



**And the man believed what Jesus said. John 4:50**

## Bible Study:



Read John 4:43-54. This story comes right on the heels of Jesus' two-day visit with the Samaritans (people hated by the Jews), who proclaimed Jesus to be the "Savior of the world." Consider how the people of Jesus' own home town didn't really honor Him. Instead, the person who stands out as truly honoring Him is the one who TRUSTS him even without signs and miracles. In this story the royal official is most likely not a Galilean, but rather an official of the *evil king Herod's court*. YET, in verse 50, it says the man simply believed Jesus without a sign or miracle.

## The gospel in the story:



A false gospel that all are vulnerable to falling into (including, and perhaps *especially* believers), is to pursue Jesus for what He can do for us *outwardly* – signs, miracles, providing for our comfort etc. In verse 45, it says the people welcomed Him, BUT not for who He was (the Savior of the world – as the Samaritans had proclaimed), but for what He could do. This suggests that they had bought into that false gospel. However, the miracles are not the main thing, they are meant to point to the real important thing: we are all sick and dying without His salvation. And the true gospel tells us that Jesus loves us so much that He knows our deep *inward* needs, and came to sacrifice His own life so that all who believe will be healed.

## Application:

### Head: What did we learn?

Q: Where did this miracle happen?

A: In Galilee, Jesus' home town.

Q: What did the royal official ask of Jesus?

A: To come to his home and heal his son.

Q: Who was Jesus talking to when he asked the official "Unless you see signs and wonders, you won't believe"?

A: All the people who were there (not just the official).

Q: How did Jesus test the man's faith?

A: He did not go to the man, but rather asked the man to believe without seeing.

Q: How did the man respond?

A: He believed

### Heart : Memory verse

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### Hands: How does this affect the way I live?

Jesus is God, who has throughout scripture promised to never leave or forsake His followers.

Discuss verses found in Scripture that compel us to have faith to TRUST Jesus, even when we don't see obvious signs or evidence.