

# Mount Olive Wednesday Night Bible Study and Prayer Meeting

July 8, 2020

Notes on John 4: 43 - 54

**43 Now after two days he departed thence, and went into Galilee.**

**44 For Jesus himself testified, that a prophet hath no honour in his own country.**

**45 Then when he was come into Galilee, the Galilaeans received him, having seen all the things that he did at Jerusalem at the feast: for they also went unto the feast.**

**46 So Jesus came again into Cana of Galilee, where he made the water wine. And there was a certain nobleman, whose son was sick at Capernaum.**

**47 When he heard that Jesus was come out of Judaea into Galilee, he went unto him, and besought him that he would come down, and heal his son: for he was at the point of death.**

**48 Then said Jesus unto him, Except ye see signs and wonders, ye will not believe.**

**49 The nobleman saith unto him, Sir, come down ere my child die.**

**50 Jesus saith unto him, Go thy way; thy son liveth. And the man believed the word that Jesus had spoken unto him, and he went his way.**

**51 And as he was now going down, his servants met him, and told him, saying, Thy son liveth.**

**52 Then enquired he of them the hour when he began to amend. And they said unto him, Yesterday at the seventh hour the fever left him.**

**53 So the father knew that it was at the same hour, in the which Jesus said unto him, Thy son liveth: and himself believed, and his whole house.**

**54 This is again the second miracle that Jesus did, when he was come out of Judaea into Galilee.**

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Pastor Jon is filling in for Pastor Tom who is at Grandparent Camp.  
Phone Conference from Church with some attending at Church.

### **Verse 43**

*“Now after two days he departed thence, and went into Galilee.”*

\*Jesus spent 2 days in Samaria just as the men of the city had requested. Then He returned north from Sychar to Nazareth (about 25 miles) which is in the Galilee region where most of Jesus’ ministry took place.

### **Verse 44**

“For Jesus himself testified, that a prophet hath no honour in his own country.”

#### **Mark 6:4**

*“But Jesus, said unto them, A prophet is not without honour, but in his own country, and among his own kin, and in his own house.”*

\*Jesus had been ridiculed by the people of His home area. To them Jesus was just Joseph and Mary’s son, a carpenter by trade who took care of mom and siblings when Joseph died young. Remember the question, “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?”

\*Has this ever happened to you? I can tell you it happened to me...at 5th class reunion, there were those classmates who reminded me of my past antics and they were boggled by me, the preacher now. Instead of seeing the new man, they only saw the old man.

This is a tension at home that everyone can identify with because our circle of friends changed with our conversion: those who are still living in the old lifestyle will withdraw or pull away from you.

### **Verse 45**

*“Then when he was come into Galilee, the Galilaeans received him, having seen all the things that he did at Jerusalem at the feast: for they also went unto the feast.”*

\*The feast where all Jewish males would have been was Passover. All those age 12 or 15 years old, the age of accountability, were required to go to Jerusalem for this feast).

#### **John 2:23**

*“Now when he was in Jerusalem at the passover, in the feast day, many believed in his name, when they saw the miracles which he did.”*

\*So these men who may have ridiculed Jesus earlier in His ministry, saw great signs and wonders in Jerusalem at the Passover Feast, now accept

Him because of the miracles, NOT because He is the Messiah. They are listening to their heads and not their hearts, going by sight and not faith.

\*Christmas/Easter Christians are like this. They come out for the celebration of His birth and resurrection but their faith does not show other parts of the year.

### **Verse 46**

*“So Jesus came again into Cana of Galilee, where he made the water wine. And there was a certain nobleman, whose son was sick at Capernaum.”*

\*Cana had been His 1st miracle. (Cana and Nazareth are 4 or 5 miles apart)

\*This nobleman (ruler) had traveled from Capernaum, which was a seaside village on the Sea of Galilee, up to the mountain village of Cana, about a day’s journey of 15 or 16 miles.

### **Verse 47**

*“When he heard that Jesus was come out of Judaea into Galilee, he went unto him, and besought him that he would come down, and heal his son: for he was at the point of death.”*

\*He **sought** Jesus out and **begged** Him to heal his son.

\*Examples of people on a sinking ship, in an airplane going through turbulence or on a battlefield who pray and promise God faithfulness if HE gets them out of this tight spot. How many actually follow through on their promise?

### **Verse 48**

*“Then said Jesus unto him, Except ye see signs and wonders, ye will not believe.”*

\*Jesus is calling the people out for what they were doing...they wanted the experience of the miracles, signs and wonders or flashy bling, but did not have the faith for salvation.

Ephesians 2:8

*“For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:”*

\*It's like the difference between a sprint and a marathon.

### **Verse 49**

*“The nobleman saith unto him, Sir, come down ere my child die.”*

\*The nobleman begs again, desperate for Jesus to come with him to Capernaum. In his mind that's the only way his son will get better is if Jesus personally comes to Capernaum to perform the miracle.

### **Verses 50**

*“Jesus saith unto him, Go thy way; thy son liveth. And the man believed the word that Jesus had spoken unto him, and he went his way.”*

\*Jesus tests the man's faith by sending him home. The man believed before he even saw his son made well.

\*This was a transition from belief because of miracles (signs and wonders) to belief as a result of faith.

### **Verses 51 & 52**

*“51 And as he was now going down, his servants met him, and told him, saying, Thy son liveth.” 52 Then enquired he of them the hour when he began to amend. And they said unto him, Yesterday at the seventh hour the fever left him.”*

\*The man is now literally going down the mountain, back down to Capernaum by the sea when his servants meet up with him ( Today they would have texted him!) But since this would have been about a 10 or 15 mile walk in total they had to calculate the exact time Jesus said the words and when the boy was healed!

\*These verses are confirmation of Jesus' words. They are a witness or testimony to Jesus' Kingship, His authority as the Son of God.

### **Verse 53**

*“So the father knew that it was at the same hour, in the which Jesus said unto him, Thy son liveth: and himself believed, and his whole house.”*

\*This nobleman did not need the signs and wonders, he just had faith and the result was his entire household (probably servants as well) believed in Jesus as Messiah. Their saving knowledge resulted from the nobleman's act of obedience in faith.

### **Verse 54**

*“This is again the second miracle that Jesus did, when he was come out of Judaea into Galilee.”*

\*So the 1st miracle was the water turned to wine in Cana.

\*And the 2nd miracle was this healing of the boy.

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### **Addendum for discussion:**

\*When I pray and leave a worry or need at Jesus’ feet, I entrust that person/situation to Jesus to act upon according to His will.

\*When I do that then I don’t worry...I have grown in Child-like faith with these constants in faith:

1. I know He hears my prayers
2. I know He will respond according to His will/plan
3. I know there will be an answer in some way or other.

\*Are we mature enough to trust that way or do we pick up worries/concerns again and again?

\*Are we in Christ because of faith ...to know He will deliver an answer to our prayers according to His plan/design?

\*Or are we still looking for the signs and wonders and tend to pick the prayers from the feet of Jesus because we don’t always see the flash?