

## **A Prophet without Honor (John 4. 43- 5: 18)**

- How people react to miracles has a way of exposing what is in their hearts
- After two days in Samaria, Jesus returned to Cana: 1<sup>st</sup> miracle: water / wine
- John notes the connection: “a prophet not accepted in his home town” (4:44)
- He was welcomed (4:45) but not honored and finally rejected (4:48; 5:18)
- The key “a prophet is without honor in His own country” (4:44)
- He declares “He receives no honor from men” 5:34-40 they refuse to believe

### **I. A Boy Healed in Capernaum –4:46-54**

- The father, having heard of Jesus, sought Him out to heal his son (4:47)
- Jesus does not address the boy’s father, but rebukes the crowds (4:48)
- He challenges those following Him to reflect of their own unbelieving hearts
- Jesus turns to the man, reassuring him his son would be healed (4:49-50)
- Not only did he believe, but his whole household believed as well (4:41-54)

### **II. A Man Healed at the Pool of Bethesda (5:1-15)**

- Jesus exposes the superstitious nonsense of the so called healing at Bethesda
1. First, He performs a real miracle (5:5-9a)
  2. Second, the legalists object to this miracle (5:9b-15)
  3. Instead of being praised for this, Jesus is criticized (5:10)
  4. Healed man responds (5:11-13,15) He didn’t know Jesus’ name but believed

### **III. The Plot to Kill Jesus (5:16-18)**

- The Jews, having discovered Jesus name, persecuted & sought to kill Him

Charge 1: breaking the Sabbath (5:16)

Charge 2: blasphemy (5:17-18)