

HOUSEHOLD SALVATION

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Study of John / John 4:46-54

Introduction:

Jesus had been ministering in Samaria for two days. Now, he is on his way back to Galilee. While he is traveling, a government official meets him and begs him to come to heal his son, who is at the point of death, about 15 or 20 miles away. Jesus' interaction with this man results in the healing of his son and the salvation of his household.

I. The Return to Galilee. (46)

II. The Request for Healing. (47-50)

A. Jesus' Rebuke. [48]

B. The Father's Importunity. [49]

C. Jesus' Promise. [50]

III. The Reality of Faith. (51-53)

A. The Good News: "Your Son Lives!" [51]

B. The Hour of the Healing. [52]

C. The Faith of the Father and His Household. [53]

"Thus not only does he now believe that his son will be cured through the kindness of Christ, but he acknowledges Christ to be the Son of God, and makes a profession of faith in his Gospel. His whole family joins him, which was an evidence of the miracle; nor can it be

doubted that he did his utmost to bring others along with him to embrace the Christian religion." (Calvin)

IV. The Revelation of the Son. (54)

Application Questions:

For Wednesday Night

1. (46) Jesus will soon work a miracle by healing a man's son. Why do you think Jesus chose to do this second public miracle in the place where he had done the first?
2. (47) Do you think the miracle at the wedding had any effect on this man's decision to ask Jesus for help?
 - a. Have you ever been in a desperate situation where you needed Jesus' help?
 - b. Did miracles God worked in the past strengthen your faith?
3. (48) This was a rebuke but was probably directed towards the crowd rather than just to this man. "Ye" indicates "all of you." Jesus wanted the man to state his *real* need. He did in the next verse.
4. (49) Why didn't the nobleman answer Jesus' rebuke? (He ignored it and pleaded with Jesus to come quickly.)
5. (50) This is not what the man had asked for. He wanted Jesus to come *personally* to see his son. But he believed Jesus' word and went on his way home. Why is it important to believe God, even when we don't get exactly what we want and ask for?
6. (51) The son was near death. Now, he is recovering. He is no longer at the point of death but is alive! Why is it important for us to experience answered prayer in our lives?
7. (53) What is the difference between the faith of the father here, and his faith in verse 50?
8. Why was it important for the father to also lead his household to faith in Christ?
 - a. There are other examples of this in Scripture. ([Acts 18:8](#)) ([Acts 16:31](#))
 - b. What are some ways that you can share your faith with your household?