

THAT YOU MAY KNOW

A Second Sign
John 4:43-54
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This was now the second sign that Jesus did when he had come from Judea to Galilee - John 4:54

I. ON THE ROAD AGAIN

- Following his mission to Sychar, Jesus returns to Galilee, his adopted homeland (Matt. 2:23; Mark 16:6).
- He is welcomed home, but not everything is as it seems (John 4:48).

II. DESPERATELY SEEKING A SIGN

- Jesus returns to Cana, scene of his first great sign, and is confronted by a desperate man looking for a miracle (Vss. 46-49).
- God often puts us in situations where urgent faith is needed (John 2:4, Mark 5:21-40, 7:27, 9:24).

III. JESUS, THE DIVINE SON OF GOD

- Generally speaking, Jesus heals directly, by word and/or by touch. But he doesn't have to (Vs. 50; Matt. 8:5-13; Mark 7:24-30).
- Virtually all of Jesus' signs involve a numerical detail (e.g. two large stone jars, "I will raise it in three days," a man lame for 38 years, feeding of five thousand). This miracle is no exception—it occurs at the seventh hour (Vs. 52).
- As the Father raises the dead and give them life, so also the Son gives life to whom he will (John 5:21).

IV. BELIEVE

- Thus the "Cana Cycle" comes to an end. Here we see both John's gospel theology and Jesus' mission theology come to life. John's recorded signs are meant to elicit faith in us, and Jesus' mission is ultimately to all people (John 6:28-29; Gal. 3:28).
- Think less about the amount of your faith, and more about the object of your faith (Luke 17:5-6).

KNOW: Faith in Jesus leads to life. Abundant life. It always has. It always will.

DO: Put your faith in Jesus. Take him at his word.

Suggested Reading:

The Autobiography of George Muller (LifePoint Library #266.151)

The Story of John G. Paton: In His Own Words — Or Thirty Years Among South Sea Cannibals (LifePoint Library #266.172)

Questions/Discovery Points for Life Groups/Families

Please Read John 4:43-54

1. What is taking place in our narrative here? What seems to be the overall theme?
2. The official here is a servant of King Herod. Put yourself in his shoes. How would you have approached Jesus?
3. Why does Jesus rebuke the official (or does he?).
4. Jesus refused to go with the official. Why, do you think?
5. The official has no choice but to take Jesus at his word. How would you have reacted?
6. What is unique or special about this particular sign of Jesus'?
7. Does this narrative provided by John help your faith? If so, in what ways? If not, why not?