

The Miracles of Jesus

Lesson Five

Healing of the Nobleman's Son

Text: John 4:46-54

Introduction:

1. Following His first miracle, Jesus traveled to Capernaum and then to Jerusalem to keep the Passover.
2. While in Jerusalem, He cleansed the Temple and performed many miracles which are not recorded in Scripture (John 2:23).
3. Here, He also met with Nicodemus and then went out into Judea, teaching and baptizing.
4. Finally, He left Judea to travel back to Galilee, but made a point to travel through Samaria where He met the woman at the well and taught many of the Samaritans.
5. It was back in Cana of Galilee that His next recorded miracle was performed.

I. The Miracle

- A. A nobleman, whose son was sick in Capernaum, came to see Jesus.
 1. Capernaum was about a day's journey from Cana (around 20 miles).
 2. The nobleman would have been an officer in the court of Herod Antipas, who ruled over Galilee at this time (cf. Mark 6:14).
 3. There are several officers of Herod who became followers of Christ (cf. Luke 8:3; Acts 13:1; *Jerome says this man's name was Palatinus*).
- B. He begged Jesus to come to Capernaum to heal his son who was at the point of death.
- C. Jesus said to him, "Go thy way; thy son liveth," and immediately he was healed.
- D. The result was that the nobleman and his household became believers in Jesus.

II. The Manifestation

- A. This miracle manifested Jesus' great power.
 1. Over sickness and disease
 2. Over space and time
 3. In His Word
- B. This miracle evidenced Jesus' deity!
- C. This miracle showed Jesus' great compassion.

III. The Message

- A. We should be concerned about the welfare of our families – especially spiritually (Ephesians 6:4; Proverbs 22:6; Deuteronomy 6:6-9).
 1. Money cannot do some things!
 2. Even a nobleman had to humble himself before Jesus.
- B. When we are in need, we must be willing to come to Jesus (Matt. 11:28-30; John 5:40).

- C. We must have faith to come to Jesus (Hebrews 11:6; John 8:24).
 - 1. True faith is complete trust that leads to obedience.
 - 2. We must believe and obey in salvation, worship, faithfulness, etc. (Col. 3:17).
- D. We must be willing to sacrifice to come to Jesus (Hebrews 5:9).
- E. We must trust in the promises of Jesus.