

The Four Gospels of the Bible, Healing of a Nobleman's Son

John 4:46-54

⁴⁶ Once more he visited Cana in Galilee, where he turned the water into wine. And there was a certain royal official whose son lay sick at Capernaum. (NIV)

When he heard that Jesus had come from Judea to Galilee, he went and asks that he come down and heal his son, who was on the brink of death. Jesus put him off: "Unless you people are dazzled by a miracle you refuse to believe." ...

Jesus simply replied (to the man's request), "Go home, your son lives." ... (He did as Jesus told him...)

On his way back, his servant intercepted him and announced, "Your son lives". He asks them what time he began to get better. They said, "The fever broke yesterday afternoon at one o'clock. The father knew that this was the very moment Jesus had said, "Your son lives." That clinched it. Not only he but his entire household believed...

Not only the Nobleman but...

His entire household believed. Wow, what an impression Jesus made on this family – that all would believe on Christ the Savior. Sometimes a single changed heart (of the nobleman in this case) can be contagious.

Jesus can heal long distance

Unlike some other accounts, this healing is conducted from a distance; moreover, Jesus had never met the nobleman or his son. How did Jesus heal a stranger from afar? That's the power of God!

Timing is everything

The moment that Jesus reassured the nobleman, the son was healed; the timeliness of this miracle was not mere coincidence but was, again, the power of God! For the creator of the universe and whose power is unfathomable, is the healing of this son so remarkable? To the father it was...because it allowed his son to live.

The persistence of prayer

Nothing is said of prayer in the nobleman's plea; but wasn't his plea really a prayer? The father was desperate – so much that he pressed for Jesus' help. Parents have a way of praying – and a sick or needy child can invoke faith in God...where a parent lacks the ability to help his child...

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John 4: 5 - 42

The woman took the hint and left. In her confusion she left her water pot. Back in the village she told the people, "Come see a man who knew all about the things I did, who knows me inside and out. Do you think this could be the Messiah?" And they went out to see for themselves.

Class does not matter to Christ

The Message offers some insight of the scripture through that enclosed in parentheses. Jesus encounter with a Samaritan (and a woman at that) is unusual – as noted; Samaritans were considered a lower class and, furthermore, a woman. Whether Jesus knew of her class was of no consequence; he was lead by the Spirit to speak to her – to tell her about salvation and to reveal himself as the Messiah.

Fresh, Living Water

What kind of water is this? Water that satisfies always; water that refreshes and brings life eternal; and water that is found no where but in Christ...

What kind of People (is Christ looking for)

"Those who are simply and honestly themselves before him in their worship" is the kind of people Christ is looking for...and those who "know the Messiah is coming."

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