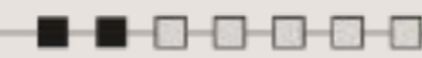




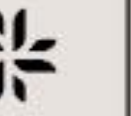
WEEK TWO

# HEALING OF OFFICIAL'S SON

JOHN SERIES



MIRACLES



JOHN 4:46-54





## Jesus' Early Ministry in the Gospel of John



- A. Sign at Cana // Water to Wine // Death vv. 2:1-11
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### **John 4:43-45 NIV**

After the two days he left for Galilee. <sup>44</sup> (Now Jesus himself had pointed out that a prophet has no honor in his own country.) <sup>45</sup> When he arrived in Galilee, the Galileans welcomed him. They had seen all that he had done in Jerusalem at the Passover Festival, for they also had been there.



## A Royal in Crisis Comes to Jesus

### John 4:46-47 NIV

Once more he visited Cana in Galilee, where he had turned the water into wine. And there was **a certain royal official** whose son lay sick at Capernaum. <sup>47</sup> When this man **heard that Jesus had arrived in Galilee** from Judea, he went to him and begged him to come and heal his son, who was close to death.

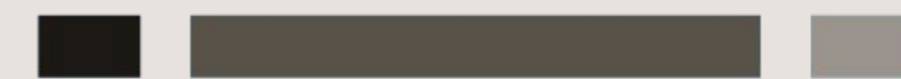


# Jesus Rebukes Cheap Faith

## John 4:48 NIV

“Unless you people see signs and wonders,” Jesus told him, “you will never **believe.**”

**A faith demanding signs and wonders  
will always leave us longing for what  
only Jesus can provide: himself.**





## The Power of Jesus' Words

### John 4:49-50 NIV

The royal official said, “Sir, come down before my child dies.” <sup>50</sup> **“Go,”** Jesus replied, **“your son will live.”** The man **took Jesus at his word** and departed.



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Faith does not eliminate questions. But faith knows where to take them.

- **Elisabeth Elliot**, *A Chance to Die*





### John 4:51-54 NIV

While he was still on the way, his servants met him with the news that his boy was living. <sup>52</sup> When he inquired as to the time when his son got better, they said to him, “Yesterday, at one in the afternoon, the fever left him.” <sup>53</sup> Then the father realized that this was the exact time at which Jesus had said to him, “Your son will live.” So he and **his whole household believed.** <sup>54</sup> This was the second sign Jesus performed after coming from Judea to Galilee.



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The Bible tells us that God did not originally make the world to have disease, hunger, and death in it. Jesus has come to redeem where it is wrong and heal the world where it is broken. His miracles are not just proofs that he has power but also wonderful foretastes of what he is going to do with that power. Jesus' miracles are not just a challenge to our minds, but a promise to our hearts, that the world we all want is coming.

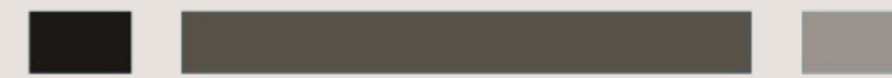
- **Timothy Keller**, *The Reason for God*



### **John 20:30-31 NIV**

Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. <sup>31</sup> But **these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God**, and that **by believing you may have life** in his name.

**The foundation and hope of our faith is Christ alone,  
the author and finisher of our faith.**





## The Journey of Our Faith:

Knowledge  
Trust  
Commitment



### **Knowledge of God's Person | John 17:3 NIV**

Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.

### **Trust in God's Promises | John 14:1 NLT**

“Don't let your hearts be troubled. **Trust in God**, and trust also in me.”

### **Commitment to God's Purposes | John 14:15 NIV**

“If you love me, keep my commands.”



## The Result of Our Faith: Dwelling with God

### Revelation 21:3-5 NIV

And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Look! God’s dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. <sup>4</sup> ‘He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death’ or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.” <sup>5</sup> He who was seated on the throne said, “I am making everything new!” Then he said, “Write this down, for **these words are trustworthy and true.**”



## The Practice of Faith in Christ

1. Do not base your faith on your faithfulness // works-based faith
2. Do not base your faith on your sin // graceless faith
3. Do not base your faith on your circumstances // hopeless faith

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