

John 4:43-54

⁴³After the two days he departed for Galilee. ⁴⁴(For Jesus himself had testified that a prophet has no honour in his own hometown.) ⁴⁵So when he came to Galilee, the Galileans welcomed him, having seen all that he had done in Jerusalem at the feast. For they too had gone to the feast.

⁴⁶So he came again to Cana in Galilee, where he had made the water wine. And at Capernaum there was an official whose son was ill. ⁴⁷When this man heard that Jesus had come from Judea to Galilee, he went to him and asked him to come down and heal his son, for he was at the point of death. ⁴⁸So Jesus said to him, "Unless you see signs and wonders you will not believe." ⁴⁹The official said to him, "Sir, come down before my child dies." ⁵⁰Jesus said to him, "Go; your son will live." The man believed the word that Jesus spoke to him and went on his way.

⁵¹As he was going down, his servants met him and told him that his son was recovering. ⁵²So he asked them the hour when he began to get better, and they said to him, "Yesterday at the seventh hour* the fever left him." ⁵³The father knew that was the hour when Jesus had said to him, "Your son will live." And he himself believed, and all his household. ⁵⁴ This was now the second sign that Jesus did when he had come from Judea to Galilee.

John 2:23-25

²³Now when he was in Jerusalem at the Passover Feast, many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he was doing.

²⁴But Jesus on his part did not entrust himself to them, because he knew all people ²⁵and needed no one to bear witness about man, for he himself knew what was in man.

John 20:30-31

³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs (ie miracles) in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; ³¹ but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

*That is, at 1 p.m.

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After the talk today, there will be a short Q&A session, time permitting

Outrageous Claims of Jesus

'Miracle-Maker'

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Faith: irrational, elusive, and slippery?

1. False faith... (v43-48)

...keeps demanding more proof

...and loves the gift more than the Giver

2. True faith... (v46-50)

...takes Jesus at his word, without demanding more proof

...and then obeys.

...and discovers that Jesus' words have life-giving power