

Series - That You May Believe: A Study In John

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Message - The Second Sign From Jesus

<u>Sermon Big Picture</u> - When a man approaches Jesus seeking healing for his sick child, we see the goodness of Jesus, and the how it leads us to believe.

Scripture: John 4:46-54

Examination

- 1. The official with the sick son traveled 16 miles to get to Jesus. What does this tell us about his state of mind?
- 2. People are coming to Jesus as though he were just a miracle worker. What does Jesus reveal us His real concern? How does He show His patience and compassion in spite of peoples false presuppositions?
- 3. People in the first century looked for the spectacular, the miraculous, even as people do today. How can this be misleading? How does Jesus call us rather to saving faith?
- 4. For what purpose did perform miracles?
- 5. When the official comes to Jesus, he had a purpose in mind. We see that Jesus not only responded to his need, but also revealed a greater purpose. How does the Lord often work in the same way today?
- 6. How does this passage reveal how the Lord will sometimes use suffering, hurt and need in our lives to reveal Himself to us?
- 7. How can you relate to the man in Mark 9:24 who also had a sick son and said to Jesus "I believe, help my unbelief"?

Application

- 1. Why should we go to the Lord with our pleas and petitions even when our faith is weak?
- 2. How do we need to remember the goodness and compassion of God when we feel weak and needy?

Personal Discipline

Consider the goodness and compassion of Christ as He seeks and calls sinners to Himself. Even a weak faith can take hold of a strong Christ! Bring your needs to Him, be honest, and with a heart of faith, look to Jesus and believe. He will show Himself strong!