

JESUS

The Cure for the Sick

JOHN 4:46–54 (NIV)

⁴⁶ 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. ⁴⁷ 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.

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⁴⁸ “Unless you people see signs and wonders,”

Jesus told him, “you will never believe.”

⁴⁹ The royal official said, “Sir, come down before my child dies.”

⁵⁰ “Go,” Jesus replied, “your son will live.”

The man took Jesus at his word and departed

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⁵¹ While he was still on the way, his servants met him with the news that his boy was living. ⁵² 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.”

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⁵³ 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.

⁵⁴ This was the second sign Jesus performed after coming from Judea to Galilee.



Clement of Alexandria (150–215 AD.)

(Paedagogus, Book I; Paraphrase):

“Christ our Instructor, the Word, heals the disordered passions of the soul by His exhortations. Just as human skill can treat bodily disease, only the divine Word is the true Physician who **cures the infirmities of the soul.**”

THE SOUL IS SICK

**SIGNS (MIRACLES) ARE
NOT JUST SOLUTIONS TO
OUR PROBLEMS, BUT
WINDOWS INTO THE
HEART OF GOD**

Background of the "Royal Official" (Father)

- Servant of Herod's Court (served in administration) (high-ranking servant) (privileged class)(enjoys significant social, economic, political power)
- Could be a Jew or Gentile
- “For many Jews a servant of Herod's Court would be a little better than a Gentile”

WHAT IS THE HEART AND CHARACTER OF
GOD?

**FAITH IS OFTEN HOLDING
TO WHAT GOD HAS SAID,
IN SPITE OF WHAT IS NOT
CURRENTLY PRESENT**

“Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.” (NRSV)
(Hebrew 11:1)