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True Equity and the Greatest Love / Regeneration / John 4:46–54

Notes

04/21 John 4:46-54, "Life in Christ," Subtitle: What it takes to believe, Scripture: John 1:1-4

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What will it take for you, or anyone to believe?

- Capernaum located on the north-western shore of the Sea of Galilee, about 17 miles from Cana (est. 4-5 hours' walk).
- Already demonstrated "Signs and wonders" (John 2:23; John 3:2)

## Don't seek miracles without seeking Christ (John 4:46-48)

- **Seeking miracles without seeking the person risks destruction** (2 Thessalonians 2:9 "9 that is, the one whose coming is in accord with the activity of Satan, with all power and signs and false wonders;" 1 Peter 5:8 "8 Be of sober spirit, be on the alert. Your adversary, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour." )
- **Seeking miracles without seeking the person sacrifices blessing** (John 4:48 "48 So Jesus said to him, "Unless you people see signs and wonders, you simply will not believe;" John 20:29 "29 Jesus said to him, "Because you have seen Me, have you believed? Blessed are they who did not see, and yet believed."" )

## Jesus Demands Unquestioning Faith

## (John 4:49-50)

- **Our way is not Jesus' way** (John 4:49)
  - Isaiah 55:8–9 “8 “For My thoughts are not your thoughts, Nor are your ways My ways,” declares the Lord. 9 “For as the heavens are higher than the earth, So are My ways higher than your ways And My thoughts than your thoughts.”
- **Take Jesus as His Word** (John 4:50; John 14:6)
- **Walk in faith** (John 4:50; 2 Corinthians 5:7 “7 for we walk by faith, not by sight—”)

## Jesus always does exactly what He has promised (John 4:51-54)

- **Jesus' way gives life to the one who believes** (John 4:51; John 10:28 “28 and I give eternal life to them, and they will never perish; and no one will snatch them out of My hand;” John 11:25–26 “25 Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me will live even if he dies, 26 and everyone who lives and believes in Me will never die. Do you believe this?””)
- **Jesus does exactly what He says He will do** (John 4:52; Hebrews 10:23 “23 Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful;” 2 Peter 3:9 “9 The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance.” 1 Corinthians 1:9 “9 God is faithful, through whom you were called into fellowship with His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.” )
- **Faith leads to blessing realized** (John 4:53-54)

Stop looking for the miracles first, just put your faith in Jesus, for He will do everything that He has promised, exactly as He has promised He will.