

## Reluctant to Heal

John 4:43-54

- I. What frustrated Jesus in Galilee? They wanted miracles not a Messiah.
- II. Why was Jesus rude to the royal official and his contingent? They wanted miracles not a Messiah.
- III. What did the royal official do?
  - a. He took Jesus at his word (v. 50).
  - b. He took Jesus as his Master (v. 53).
- IV. What did the miraculous signs in Cana demonstrate?
  - a. Jesus is Lord of creation (2:11).
  - b. Jesus is Lord of time and distance (4:54).
- V. What do you need to do?
  - a. Overcome the obstacles to faith.
    - i. Jesus told the official, "You won't have faith unless you see miracles and wonders!" John 4:48 (CEV). Also see Matthew 15:23-28).
    - ii. Jesus said, "Thomas, do you have faith because you have seen me? The people who have faith in me without seeing me are the ones who are really blessed!" John 20:29 (CEV)
    - iii. Jesus told his disciples a story about how they should keep on praying and never give up: Luke 18:1 (CEV)
    - iv. But without faith no one can please God. We must believe that God is real and that he rewards everyone who searches for him. Hebrews 11:6 (CEV)
  - b. Ask Jesus to be your Master not your Magician.
    - i. "The man took Jesus at his word and departed" (v. 50).
    - ii. "So he and all his household believed" (v. 53).