



More Than a Miracle | John 4:43-54

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As Jesus resumes ministry among the Jewish people, it's apparent that their motives for following Him become a key issue, reminding us that, ultimately, the gospel challenges sinners to take God at His word, and to receive Jesus Christ by faith.

1. The Jewish Reception (4:43-45)

2. The Official's Request (4:46-47)

3. The Messiah's Rebuke (4:48)

4. The Official's Response (4:49-54)

Questions to Consider

- 1.** What are the challenges that arise with interpreting John 4:44-45, and how might John 1:11-12 and John 2:23-25 help us to understand what is meant?
- 2.** How does this story help set John's readers up for what will be a recurring theme in chapters 5 through 12?
- 3.** If Jesus is going to Galilee in light of John 1:11 (and the foreknowledge of His rejection by the Jews), then why would He bother going? Are there any lessons we can draw that might apply to our own evangelism, especially in light of God's sovereignty in salvation?
- 4.** Have you been in an evangelistic situation in which the person had an attitude that God must somehow "prove" Himself before they would believe? Are there other examples of this attitude in Scripture, and what might be some ways we can respond?
- 5.** How did Jesus challenge the official, and what was the official's response?
- 6.** How firm is your faith in the Lord, even when you don't see "evidence" of God working in a particular situation? Is there a situation even now that's challenging your ability to trust the Lord because you don't see evidence of things working out?