

DO YOU KNOW HIM?

"Driven to Jesus?"

John 4:46-54

INTRODUCTION:

1. Notice Vs 46a

a) "So He came *again* to Cana in Galilee where he made the water wine"

1) Cf. 2:1-11

2. Vs 46b

a) "At Capernaum there was an official whose son was ill."

1) "Capernaum" - 20-25 miles away.

2) "official" - Gk = "basilicas" - means = a very important person!!!!

3) But who was Herod?

a. **Matthew 2:1ff**

4) This "Royal Official" may very well have worked for Herod Antipas the son of Herod the Great.

THREE PHASES OF FAITH

I. A NON-EXISTENT FAITH

1. Vs 46

a) "And at Capernaum there was an official **whose son was ill.**"

2. Vs 47

a) "When this man heard that Jesus had come from Judea to Galilee, **he went to him and asked him to come down and heal his son.**"

3. **WOW!!!!** When he came to Jesus he wasn't looking for Salvation or wanting to know how to get to Heaven.

4. **John 9:31**

5. **Mark 8:36-38**

6. **Romans 1:16**

a) "**ashamed**" - a painful sense having done something wrong.

7. **Matthew 19:16-22**

8. All throughout Scripture people were driven to Jesus through tragedy:

- a) **Matthew 9:18ff**
- b) **Luke 8:43-48**
- c) **Mark 9:24**

9. **Vs 47**

- a) **"heard"**
- b) **"asked"** - means to repeatedly beg

10. **Vs 48**

a) **Vs 45a**

- 1) *"So when he came to Galilee, the Galileans welcomed him..."*

b) **Vs 45b**

- 1) *"...Having seen all that he had done in Jerusalem at the feast."*

11. There are 3 primary words used in the N.T. for miracle.

- a) **"dunamis"** - dynamite
- b) **"semeion"** - a sign
 - 1) There are seven sign miracles in John that Matthew, Mark, and Luke do not give.
- c) **"teras"** - terror or wonders

12. **Vs 48**

- a) "Jesus said to him, 'Unless you see signs and wonders you will not believe.'"

13. **FACT: IT TAKES NO FAITH TO BE ENTERTAINED.**

14. **John 4:23-24**

15. **Vs 48**

II. AN IMMATURE FAITH

1. **Vs 49**

2. This **"Official"** is now begging.

3. **GOOD:** His desire or his son's healing is not driven by a desire for Salvation for his own soul, but for his circumstances.

4. Vs 49

a) *"Sir come down before my child dies"*

5. Matthew 8:5-13

6. Vs 50

a) Now Jesus drives this man to faith.

7. **VERY IMPORTANT:** It was more important for this man to believe, than for this man's son to be healed.

8. **VERY IMPORTANT:** Jesus was teaching that faith was not seeing in order to believe; but believing, whether you see it or not.

9. SAINT AUGUSTINE

"Understanding is the reward of faith. Therefore, seek not to understand that you may believe, but believe that you may understand."

10. Romans 10:17

11. Vs 50b

a) *"The man believed the word that Jesus spoke to him and went on his way."*

III. A GROWING FAITH

1. Vs 50

2. Vs 51

a) Remember it was about 20-23 miles from Cana to Capernium.

3. Vs 52

a) *"Yesterday"* - which means this "royal official" stuck around a few extra hours.

4. Vs 53a

a) *"The father knew that was the hour when Jesus said to him, 'Your son will live.'"*

5. Vs 53b

a) *"And he himself **believed**, and all his household"*