

### Verses 39-45

As a result of the witness of this Samaritan woman many Samaritans had believed in Him and had gone out to see Jesus and examine Him as was the case with His early disciples as noted in [John 1:35-51](#). She had sowed and now the reaping of these souls was happening quickly. Many believed because of His word and declared that He was the Savior of the world. This is not meaning that He saves every single person, but that He is the Savior to Jews and the Gentiles (the world).

- [Acts 1:8](#) but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth.”
- [1 John 4:14](#) We have seen and testify that the Father has sent the Son *to be* the Savior of the world.
- [John 3:16](#) For God so loved the world, that He gave His <sup>[a]</sup>only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.
- [Revelation 5:9](#) And they \*sang a new song, saying, “Worthy are You to take the <sup>[a]</sup>book and to break its seals; for You were slain, and purchased for God with Your blood *men* from every tribe and tongue and people and nation.

Jesus then leaves Samaria and travels north to Galilee. Jesus has said that a prophet has no honor in his own country ([Luke 4:24](#)) and He had now returned to Galilee which is the region that He grew up in as Nazareth was located in Galilee. The text says He was received by the Galileans which has been used by critics of the Bible to attempt to point out a contradiction. However, these people were not receiving Him for who He was as Savior and Messiah nor were they receiving His message with repentance, but rather received Him for selfish gain for His miracle working and their need for signs and wonders. Many had traveled to Jerusalem for Passover which was the time when Jesus cleansed the temple and performed signs ([John 2:13-25](#)).

### Verses 46-47

Jesus was again in Cana which was the place where at a wedding He turned water into wine ([John 2:1-12](#)). While in Cana, He met an officer who was in service to Herod Antipas who was the tetrarch of Galilee at this time. This royal official had heard that Jesus was in the area, he found Him, and came to Jesus in a desperate state as his son was sick in Capernaum. This royal official had heard of the reputation of Jesus as a healer and miracle worker was begging and imploring Jesus to heal his son who near the point of death.

### Verses 48-53

Jesus then addresses the Galileans by stating that their belief is rooted in seeing signs and wonders and not rooted in the person of Jesus as Messiah, Savior, and God.

Many people attend church, pray, and “seek” God not because they love Him or worship Him for who He is, but rather out of selfishness and what they can get from Him. Many people cry out God and beg Him for healing, marital fixes, job promotions, worldly success, person gain, etc. The royal official without skipping a beat or seemingly phased by what Jesus had just said about needing signs and wonders, again out of desperation pleads with Jesus to come to Capernaum to heal His son. Capernaum was 16 miles NE of Cana. Jesus who had rebuked them for their lack of true believe without signs, miracles, and wonders, shows amazing compassionate to this official. Jesus tells Him that His son lives. This man had been begging and pleading with Jesus to travel to see his son or he would die.

Many believe God is a bitter God full of anger and no compassion. However, the opposite is the case. Jesus was speaking the Father and Jesus demonstrated compassion. Our God is a God of compassion (Psalm 25:6, Psalm 51:1, Psalm 103:8, Psalm 112:4, Psalm 116:5, Micah 7:19, Matthew 14:14, Matthew 20:34, Mark 1:41, Luke 7:13, Luke 15:20, Luke 10:33, Romans 9:15, James 5:11).

Now with the authoritative and yet compassionate words of Christ that his son lives, this man believes the words of Jesus that his son lives and begins to head to Capernaum without Jesus as something had changed in his heart from worry to belief. He believed the promise of God. This is a lesson we all need to be reminded of: that all the promises of God are true. You may not see the end result of the promises of God at the time as was the case with this father, but he believed the words of Jesus and began to walk. Let us be like this royal official that when we read the word of God and His promises, we walk with belief in our hearts toward the promise believing. As the official was traveling back to his son, his slaves met him and shared the news that his son was living. What would our first reactions be if we had heard the news that this royal official had just heard? The first thing that is in his mind that he must know was what time did his son begin to feel better. There was a reason for the questions. The slaves told him that his fever had left him at the 7<sup>th</sup> hour (1 pm). The father knew that this was the time that Jesus had declared that His son lives. Now this royal official had true faith and belief, and this brought about belief in his whole household.

#### Verse 54

This was the second sign that Jesus performed when He came of Judea into Galilee. The first sign was the turning of water into wine at the wedding at Cana which was a sign pointing to the new and better covenant that was coming with the blood of Jesus(wine) being the sign of the New Covenant which purifies believers. This sign is pointing to the fact that Jesus gives life (John 5:21, John 10:18). We see an example of this in the resurrection of Lazarus in John 11.

Our God is omnipotent as with just the sound of His words healing occurs, the universe comes into being, the earth is formed, planets are created, the sun and moon are birthed, light is declared into the darkness of the heart of His sheep, and we are declared righteous. He is omnipotent and compassionate This is our God!

Let us hear the words of God being spoken to us through His word and let us with unwavering belief walk toward these truths and promises. When we do that, we will be like the royal official in this story as we will declare like he did: God's Word and His promises never fail.

- John 20:30-31 Therefore many other signs Jesus also performed in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; <sup>31</sup> but these have been written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing you may have life in His name.