

INTRODUCTION

- * As we have been studying The Gospel of Jesus Christ according to John, we have noted that the major purpose of the book is the presentation of the proof that Jesus is the Son of God. It is this truth, as well, which is at the core of the gospel message. The perfect sacrifice for our sins could only be made by God Himself becoming a man.
- * On April 11, we studied John 2:1-25 considering the beginning of Jesus' signs. We saw in that message that there are at least seven signs, which John includes in his account of the gospel of Christ, and that the purpose of these signs were demonstrate the deity of Christ and His fulfillment of the Messianic office. In that message, we considered the first of the signs and the prophetic proclamation of the seventh. Today, we consider the second and third of these signs presented by John.
- * Last week, in our examination of Jesus' conversation with the woman at the well, we considered the fact that God is NOT a respecter of persons. There is no partiality or prejudice with Him. All are equally received through faith; all are equally condemned as a result of unbelief. We see that truth portrayed in today's portion of Scripture as well.

INSTRUCTION

I. THE HEALING IN CANA (4:43-54)

A. The R_____ of the Official (v. 46-47)

1. THE IDENTITY OF THE MAN
2. THE MAGNITUDE OF HIS REQUEST

B. The R_____ of the Messiah (v. 48-50a)

1. HIS INITIAL REBUKE (v. 48)
2. HIS FINAL RESOLUTION (v. 49-50)

C. The R_____ of the Miracle (v. 51-53)

II. THE HEALING AT THE POOL OF BETHESDA (5:1-17)

A. Where ... The L_____ (v. 2-4)

B. Who ... The P_____ (v. 5)

1. THE I_____ OF THE MAN
2. THE I_____ OF THE MAN
3. THE I_____ OF THE MAN

C. What ... The H_____ (v. 6-9)

1. THE RESPONSE OF H_____
2. THE RESPONSE OF F_____

D. Why ... The C_____ (v. 14; cf. 8:11; Luke 5:20-26)

E. When ... The S_____ (v. 10-13, 15-17)

INTROSPECTION

- * WHO IS JESUS TO YOU?
- * DO YOU BELIEVE THAT ... God "is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us"? (Ephesians 3:20)
- * IS THERE IS A SITUATION IN YOUR LIFE IN WHICH YOU NEED TO FULLY TRUST CHRIST TO INTERCEDE ON YOUR BEHALF?
- * IS HE ASKING YOU TO TRUST HIM WITHOUT SEEING THE RESULTS FIRST ... OR ASKING YOU TO WALK AWAY FROM A SINFUL PAST?
- * IS THERE A NEED TO CHANGE THE WAY YOU THINK ... AND, THEREFORE, THE WAY YOU ACT?

INTERACTION ... Thoughts & Questions to ponder for later discussion

- * Read Hebrews 12:1-16. Consider the implications of the healing of the man at the pool of Bethesda in light of this passage.