

THE MIRACLES OF JESUS

Healing of the Nobleman's Son

John 4:39-54

God's primary objective for every human is _____ that Jesus is the Christ, the Savior of the world.

FROM SAMARIA TO GALILEE

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Mechanisms to generate belief

- Conviction of sin (v39)
- Testimony (v39)
- The Word of God (v41-42, 50)
- Miracles; signs and wonders (v45,48; 2:23)
- Crisis (v47)

John 2-4: a prophetic picture of first and second coming of Christ

- Jesus dying on the cross (John 2-3)
 - Water into wine (blood)
 - Passover
 - Salvation (Nicodemus convo)
- Church age (John 4:1-42 – Samaritans)
 - 2 days = 2 thousand years (John 4:40; 2 Peter 3:8)
 - Ministry of the word (John 4:39-42)
 - Jew and Gentile (Gal 3:28; Col. 3:11))
 - Blindness of Israel (John 4:44; Romans 11:25-27)
 - Cessation of miracles (1 Cor. 13:8-12)
- Tribulation (John 4:43-53; Daniel 9:27; Matthew 24)
 - 7 hours = 7 years (John 4:52-53)
- Jesus second coming (John 4:54; Matthew 24)
- Resource: *7K years of Human History* by Clarence Larkin

THE NOBLEMAN'S SON

 **John 4:46-54**

- Problem 1: Crisis of health
- Problem 2: Crisis of time
- Problem 3: Crisis of distance
- Problem 4: The faith ultimatum for “signs and wonders”
 - Have _____ (Exodus 7:3; Acts 2:22-23)
 - Can come from _____ (Deut. 13:1-4; 2 Thess. 2:9)
 - Don't produce _____ (Dan. 4)
 - Can even _____ the elect of God (Matt. 24:24; 13:22)

God used “Signs and wonders” to confirm His word (Hebrews 2:1-4) at the mouth of the prophets, but now we have the clarity of God's words in scripture.

- **Key warning:** Beware of requiring God to show you a sign as a _____ for belief
 - You have been given the ultimate sign... the death, burial and resurrection of Christ (John 2:18-22; Matt. 12:38-42)
- **Key warning:** Beware of chasing signs for spiritual _____ (Num. 12:6-8; 1 Cor. 13:8-12; Js. 1:23-25)
 - You have been given the word of God – a more clear (sure) than prophecies and dreams (2 Peter 1:16-21; Heb. 4:12-13)

Let the Word of God direct you in your moments of crisis. Die to your ultimatums and premeditated solutions. Trust God in whatever He is saying to you. Like the Nobleman, if you will open your heart, He will confirm His word to you and without a shadow of a doubt, you will know Jesus is Lord - of time, distance, sickness, death.

- **Hebrews 11:1-3** (1) *Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. (2) For by it the elders obtained a good report. (3) Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.*