

John's 7 Miracles
(#2 The Nobleman's Son)
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- I. John 4:46- Jesus returns to Cana
 - A) Back to the site of the first miracle at the wedding
 - 1) 2 Cor 11:2- Espoused to Christ in salvation (Rom 7:4, Eph 5:22-32)
 - 2) 1 Cor 3:1- The Corinthians had been espoused but were still babes
 - i. 1 Tim 2:4- ¹Saved and ²come unto knowledge of the truth
 - a) Col 2:4-8- Built up by the word of God, torn down by man's words
 - 1. Acts 20:32- Word of God is able to build you up
 - 2. Jude 20- Built up in faith
 - 3. 1 Cor 3:10-14- Be careful "how you build"
 - B) In the interim between the wedding and this passage:
 - 1) Cleansed the temple (John 2:13-15)
 - i. Eph 5:25-27- Washing of water by the word
 - 2) Don't make Father's house a house of merchandise (John 2:16)
 - i. 1 Tim 6:10- Love of money root of all evil
 - ii. Luke 12:15- Desire knowledge and not the world's goods
 - a) Ezek 33:31- Hear his words, but covetousness hinders growth
 - 3) His zeal for the Father's house (John 2:17)
 - i. 1 Cor 3:16-17- We are the temple of God
 - ii. Acts 20:28- Purchased church with His own blood
 - 4) Jesus would raise the temple (John 2:18-21)
 - i. Rom 6:3-4- Walk in newness of life
 - 5) Disciples remembered later after He had acted (John 2:22)
 - i. John 14:26- Words committed and later taught
 - ii. Eph 6:17-18- Pray and watch Him work
 - 6) Jesus knows exactly what is in man (John 2:24-25)
 - i. Heb 12:2- The Author and Finisher of our faith
 - 7) Instructs Nicodemus on the new birth (John 3:1-21)
 - 8) Last testimony of John the Baptist (John 3:22-30)
 - i. John 3:25- Question about purifying (think it's still physical)
 - ii. John 3:29- Bridegroom and bride
 - iii. John 3:30- "He must increase, I must decrease"
 - 9) The Samaritan woman and the Living Water (John 4:1-45)
 - C) Nobleman- Webster's 1828- One who enjoys rank above a commoner, either by virtue of birth, by office or patent
 - 1) Grk- *basilikos*- "Belonging to the king"

- i. Nobleman is only used 3 times in our bible, twice here in John 4 and:
 - a) Luke 19:12- Christ is the Nobleman
 - D) Capernaum is about a 22 mile trip to Cana
- II. John 4:47- The nobleman had “heard” of Jesus
 - A) He had heard about His miracle, either at Cana or the ones He had performed in Jerusalem (John 2:23, 3:1)
 - B) Rom 10:17- Faith cometh by hearing
 - 1) Heb 4:2- Israel did not have faith although they saw many miracles
 - 2) Heb 11:6- Without faith it is impossible to please Him
 - C) The man wants Jesus to “come down” (believes He must be physically present to perform this miracle)
 - 1) Rom 10:5-13- Need not to bring Christ down again, only believe
 - i. Keep in mind this man had not “seen” anything, he had only heard and it was that hearing that produced this tiny faith (mustard seed) which Jesus know addresses, and in no way ignores
 - ii. John 11:40- Believe and see, not see and believe
 - iii. John 20:24-31- Thomas and those that “see not and believe”
 - a) Eph 1:18- The eyes of your understanding being enlightened
 - 2) Luke 7:1-10- Compare to Centurion
- III. John 4:48- Can’t you believe without seeing?
 - A) 1 Cor 1:22- The Jews require a sign
 - 1) The Samaritans had believed without seeing
 - i. Heb 11:7- Noah’s faith condemned the world
 - ii. Rom 2:16- World to be judged by the Gospel
- IV. John 4:49- Here is the feeble beginning faith- he believes Jesus can heal, but not by words alone
 - A) Mark 9:24- “I believe, help my unbelief”
 - B) The man isn’t turned away by Jesus rebuke, but persists
 - 1) Luke 11:8- The man wanting bread and his importunity
 - 2) Luke 18:5- The widow’s continual coming to the judge
- V. John 4:50- Jesus heals the man’s son by words only
 - A) The “believing” man “believes” further
 - 1) This is the order of growth in the Lord, not see and believe, but believe and then see Him work
 - i. Eph 3:16-21- Strengthened in inner man by Him
 - ii. Eph 4:14-15- Growing up in Him
 - iii. 1 Pet 2:2- Growing by milk of the word
 - iv. 1 Cor 3:6-7- God gives the increase
 - v. 2 Cor 9:10- Your fruit increased
 - vi. 2 Cor 10:15- Faith increased

- vii. Col 1:10- Increasing in fruitful knowledge
 - viii. Col 2:19- Increase with the increase of God
- VI. John 4:51-53- The effect of the miracle by words
 - A) The “believing” man who had “believed” Jesus “believes” further
 - 1) The whole house believed from this one act
 - 2) Consider the impact of a believing father over his whole house
 - 3) Think how the reaction must have been when he first departed, they probably all thought he was crazy. “You’re leaving your dying child?” His wife was probably beside herself, yet look at the result.
 - 4) Consider also Rom 8:28- The Lord has used by the joyous events like a wedding and the heartbreaking moments like death and sickness to perform His work.
- VII. John 4:54- The 2nd sign at Cana
 - A) This doesn’t mean it is the 2nd miracle Jesus ever performed, He had performed miracles in between the wedding and this while He was at Jerusalem for the feast (John 2:23, 3:1)
 - 1) John 20:30-31- John wrote of these signs that we might believe, not only initial belief, but ongoing belief in the power of the Lord.
 - 2) John’s writing shows this in many different ways:
 - i. Consider the picture of Nicodemus through the book
 - ii. The apostles from John’s baptism and on
 - iii. His own brothers who didn’t believed then believed