Healing of the Nobleman’s Son (John 4:46-54)

1. Jesus returned to the scene of His first miracle—Cana of Galilee (Jn. 4:46; 2:1-11).
   a. A private work of power for the manifestation of His glory to His disciples (Jn. 2:11).
   b. Unobserved by most of the Galileans who would be impressed by the Jerusalem miracles (Jn. 2:23-25; 4:45,48).

2. A royal official. τις βασιλικὸς tis basilikos #937: of or belonging to a king: royal; officer, courtier. (βασιλεύς basileus #935: king).
   a. Not named specifically even though John was not hesitant to name names (Jn. 18:10).

3. The son of the Basilikos was sick in Capernaum.
   a. He is a υἱός huios #5207 (vv.46,47,50), παιδίον paidion #3813 (v.49), & παῖς pais #3816 (v.51).
   b. He is ἀσθενέω astheneō #770: without strength; sick (v.46) & at the point of ἀποθνῄσκω apothnēsko #599: death (vv.47,49).

4. The Basilikos was in a position to monitor Jesus’ movements (Jn. 4:47 cf. 4:1), and demonstrated urgency by approaching Jesus at Cana.

5. Jesus expressed frustration with “you people” and their need to observe signs and wonders (Jn. 4:48; 1st Cor. 1:22).

6. The Basilikos would not abandon his prayer urgency until he received a direct answer (Jn. 4:49-50a). Once the answer was given, he rested in faith (Jn. 4:50b).

7. The Samaritans faith-response motivated them to remain with Jesus for two full days (Jn. 4:40-43), but the Basilikos’ faith-response motivated him to immediately leave the Lord and evangelize his entire house (Jn. 4:51-53).