

(1) 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}_{5x}: of or belonging to a king: *royal; officer, courtier*. (βασιλεύς basileus ^{#935}_{115x}: *king*).
 - a. Not named specifically even though John was not hesitant to name names (Jn. 18:10).
 - b. Likely an official in the court of Herod (cf. Chuzas Lk. 8:3 & Manaen Acts 13:1).
3. The son of the Basilikos was sick in Capernaum.
 - a. He is a υἱός huios ^{#5207}_{377x} (vv.46,47,50), παιδίον paidion ^{#3813}_{52x} (v.49), & παῖς pais ^{#3816}_{24x} (v.51).
 - b. He is ἀσθενέω astheneō ^{#770}_{33x}: without strength; *sick* (v.46) & at the point of ἀποθνήσκω apothnēskō ^{#599}_{111x}: *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).