



Class 8 - Chapter 4

- A Samaritan Woman Meets Jesus
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- Jesus Heals a Nobleman's Son

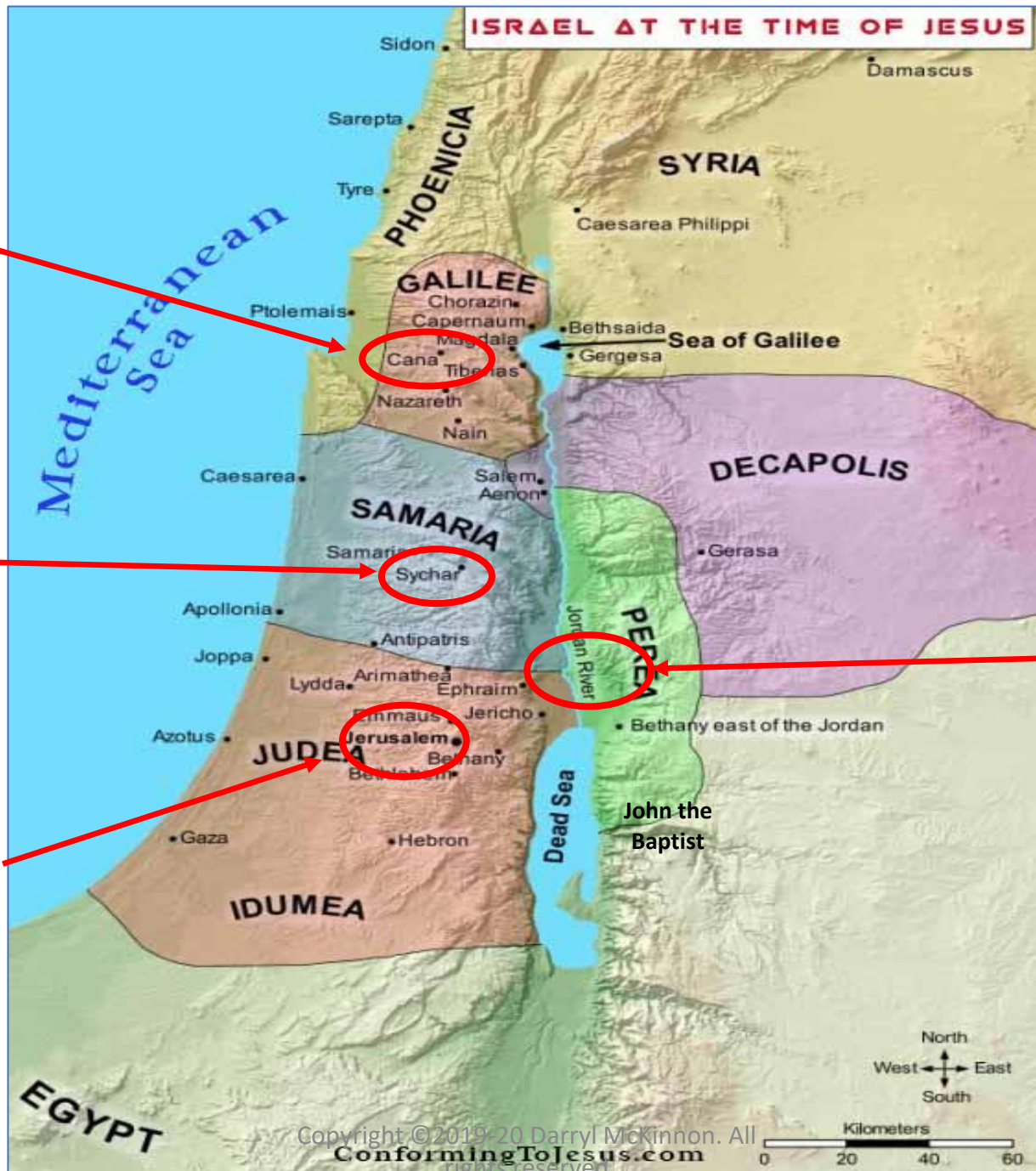
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John 4:1-6

Bible Scripture – Jesus' Humanity

- ¹Therefore, when the Lord knew that the Pharisees had heard that **Jesus made and baptized more disciples than John** ² (though **Jesus Himself did not baptize**, but His disciples),
- ³ He left Judea and departed again to Galilee. ⁴ But He needed to go through Samaria.
- ⁵ So He came to **a city of Samaria** which is called **Sychar**, near the plot of ground that Jacob gave to his son Joseph.
- ⁶ Now **Jacob's well was there. Jesus therefore, being wearied from His journey**, sat thus by the well. It was about the **sixth hour** (*12 noon*).

ISRAEL AT THE TIME OF JESUS



1. Jesus turned the Water into Wine in Chapter 2

4. Jesus talks to the Samaritan Woman

2. Jesus Cleansed the Temple in Chapter 2

3. John the Baptist preaching repentance for remission of sin & Jesus' disciples baptising

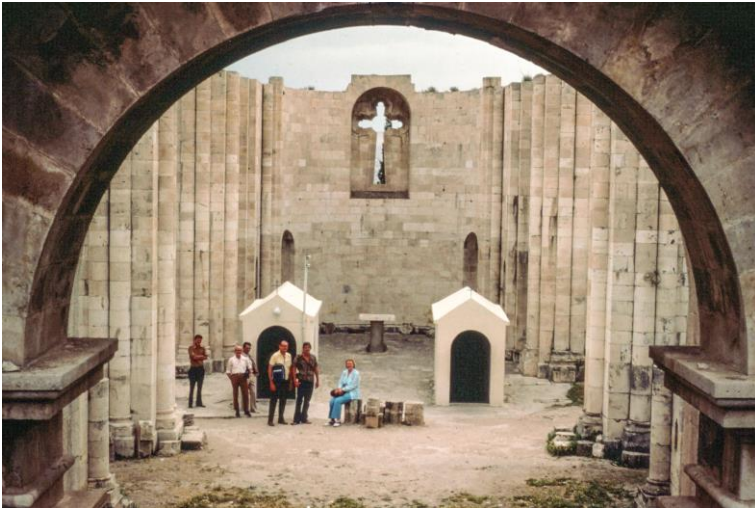
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Samaritan Woman – Circumstances

- **Jesus Himself was not baptising** (like Paul in 1 Cor 1:11-17) – knowing the pride of man, He didn't want some to think they were better than others because they were baptised by Jesus. Not a disparaging comment on Baptism.
- The Jews disliked the Samaritans so much, that most Jews would travel the longer route to Galilee by crossing the Jordan and going through Perea (to not be defiled by walking on the land).
- Samaritans were a mixed race – Deported Jews intermarried with non-Jews. Rivalry goes back to 2 Kings 17:23-31; Ezra 4:1-4; Neh 4:1-3.
- Jesus “**needed to**” (v.4) go through Samaria to fulfil this **divine appointment** with the woman according to His Father's will. Amazing details provided (12pm; Jacob's well). Sychar is modern day Askar.
- “Jesus...being **wearied** from His journey” – This is crucial information attesting to the fact that the **incarnate “Word” (God) was fully human (although sinless) as well as fully God**. This verse proves that the Gospel writers were fully aware of this important theological fact.

Sycar Today – Where Jesus Met the Samaritan Woman

- In 1860 the Greek Orthodox purchased the property at Askar where Jacob's well was and restored the crypt that included the famous 75 ft. deep well. **Gen 33:18-19**



Tradition has it, that this is the spot where Jesus, at mid-day, met the Samaritan woman who had come to draw water.



View of the well head that is located under the altar area of the Greek Orthodox Church.

John 4:7-15

Bible Scripture – Living Water

- ⁷ A woman of Samaria came to draw water. **Jesus said to her, “Give Me a drink.”** ⁸ For His disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.
- ⁹ Then the woman of Samaria said to Him, **“How is it that You, being a Jew, ask a drink from me, a Samaritan woman?”** For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.
- ¹⁰ Jesus answered and said to her, **“If you knew the gift of God, and who it is who says to you, ‘Give Me a drink,’ you would have asked Him, and He would have given you living water.”**
- ¹¹ The woman said to Him, “Sir, You have nothing to draw with, and the well is deep. Where then do You get that living water? ¹² Are You greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well, and drank from it himself, as well as his sons and his livestock?”
- ¹³ Jesus answered and said to her, “Whoever drinks of this water will thirst again, ¹⁴ but **whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst. But the water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life.**”
- ¹⁵ The woman said to Him, **“Sir, give me this water,** that I may not thirst, nor come here to draw.”

John 4:7-15

Samaritan Woman – Initial Contact

- She was an **OUTCAST** – explains why she travelled by herself at hot noon (normally done in evening - Gen 24:11) to a far away well.
- Jews never spoke to Samaritans. Jesus breaks cultural customs by speaking to not only a Samaritan, but a woman in public (v.27), and as a rabbi to associate with an immoral woman made it even more shocking. Even drinking from a Samaritan water pot would ceremonially defile a Jew according to custom.
- **Jesus is physically thirsty**, but He says she should have asked Him for “living water” – **she is SPIRITUALLY Thirsty**
- The woman **MISUNDERSTANDS** twice – thinking the water is physical water & Jacob was greater than Jesus because he dug the physical well.
- **Before she could understand spiritual truths, she needed to understand the reality of her sin and Jesus’ identity as Saviour.**

Living Water = Salvation = Gift

- **Living Water** is a metaphor (they are at a well) - the spiritual cleansing that comes at Salvation, giving Spiritual Life
- V.10 Jesus says “if you knew the **GIFT** of God...” – this is SALVATION – a free Gift/Grace – not works
 - Rom 6:23 “For the wages of sin *is* death, but the **gift of God** *is* eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.”
 - Eph 2:8 “For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; *it is* the **gift of God**,”
- V.10 “...you would have **ASKED** Him,...” – **You must ask!**

John 4:7-15

You Must Ask for Salvation/Forgiveness

- God will be merciful to you without regard for your current moral state or religion, only if you ask, or accept Gods offer – the free gift - **“cry for mercy”**
 - “God, be merciful to me a sinner!” Luke 18:9-14 Publican
- **Are you humble enough to recognize your desperate need of forgiveness of your sin, to “cry to Jesus for Mercy”?**
- **On Judgement Day, you won’t judged on the sins you committed, but whether you ASKED and accepted the free GIFT of God’s Son.**

Living Water = Holy Spirit

- Jesus never says He is Living Water, **the Holy Spirit is the Living Water** flowing out of you
- Holy Spirit is the result of Salvation - a constant flowing of mercy, grace, forgiveness, justification.
- **John 7:37-39**
- ³⁷ On the last day, that great *day* of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, “**If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink.**”
- ³⁸ He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, **out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.”** ³⁹ But this He spoke concerning the Spirit, whom those believing in Him would receive...

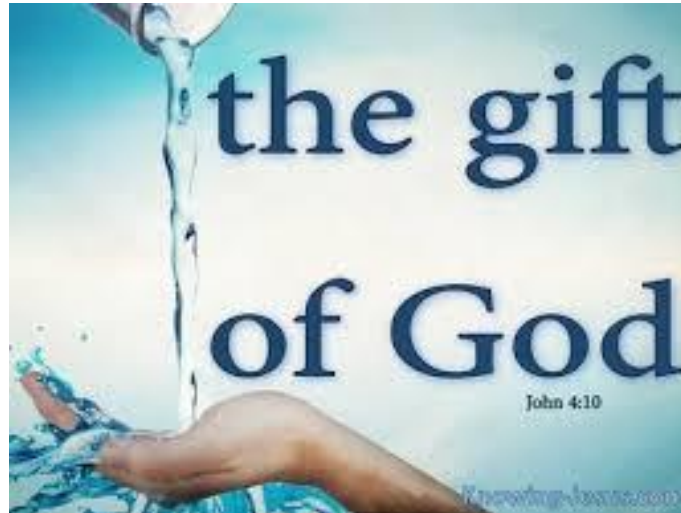
Living Water = Eternal Life

- Jesus moves the analogy to its main point and promises an unending supply of living water forever – this is **ETERNAL LIFE**
- In addition to the New Covenant passages dealt with in John 3 referring to Water and Spirit, Living Water is also used: **Jer. 2:13; Is. 1:16-18, 12:3, 49:10, 55:1; Rev. 1:6; 22:17** and John 6:35; 7:37-39

Living Water = Deeper Meaning

1. Holy Spirit

- Flowing out of a heart redeemed by God, that brings life and light to the world
- Sealed for Eternity



2. Your Sin

- Repentance
- Constant cleansing
- John 13:8; 1 John 1:9
“Unless I wash you, you have no part with me” ([John 13:8](#)). Then Jesus explained the true meaning of being washed by Him. Peter had experienced the cleansing of salvation and did not need to be washed again in the spiritual sense. Salvation is a one-time act of justification by faith, but the lifelong process of sanctification is one of washing from the stain of sin we experience as we walk through the world.

John 4:16-19

Bible Scripture – Conviction of Sin

- ¹⁶ Jesus said to her, “**Go, call your husband, and come here.**”
- ¹⁷ The woman answered and said, “**I have no husband.**”
- Jesus said to her, “You have well said, ‘I have no husband,’ ¹⁸ for **you have had five husbands, and the one whom you now have is not your husband**; in that you spoke truly.”
- ¹⁹ The woman said to Him, “**Sir, I perceive that You are a prophet.**”

Samaritan Woman – Convicted of Sin

Woman's attempts to avoid Repentance

1. The woman compliments Jesus (prophet) and tries to divert the conversation to avoid dealing with the issue of sin.
2. “I have no husband” v.17 – this is true, but not the whole truth. Her desperate attempts to conceal her sin is futile.

Jesus' reply forces her to admit her sin

“you are correct...you have had five husbands” (omniscience)

- **WOMAN's CONFESSION:** “Sir, I perceive that You are a prophet.” affirms that Jesus' statements were accurate and she no longer attempts to hide her sin. **This constitutes a confession** that she was turning from her sin, hoping to receive the living water/eternal life.
- Note: By refusing to call the man she was living with her husband, Jesus rejected the notion that living together constitutes marriage (Matt. 19:5-6).

Conviction of Sin

No Conviction, No Salvation!

- We aren't ready for the Good News until we've heard the Bad News (Rom. 1 & 2, then Rom 3).
- **Jesus doesn't condemn her, but He wants her to recognize the sin she is living in and her need for repentance and salvation** (Is 55:6-7).
- **Unless a lost person recognizes and admits to God, their sinful heart and their desperate need for forgiveness, they cannot be saved. This is repentance for the unsaved.** This is a foundational law of fallen humanity (Gen. 3). It's not an intellectual "process" as much as a state of heart condition.
- **Why don't lost people recognize this when it's so obvious?**

Conviction of Sin

No Conviction, No Salvation!

- **No matter how good you think you are, you know that you often make terrible mistakes (sin) that hurt you, others and God, and you need forgiveness.** We all do. **Recognizing this from a broken and humble heart and confessing it to God is repentance.**
- Jesus clearly shows here that a lost person cannot be saved without first being convicted of their sin, confessing that sin to God, and turning from their sin towards Jesus.
- **Conviction of sin is the main CRITICAL TRUTH of this passage that has been lost in many modern Christian teachings (that only teach about love, prosperity, forgiving and serving others). (Gal 1:8-9)**

John 4:20-26

Bible Scripture – Place of Worship

- ²⁰ Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, and you *Jews* say that in Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship.”
- ²¹ Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe Me, the hour is coming when you will neither on this mountain, nor in Jerusalem, worship the Father. ²² You worship what you do not know; we know what we worship, for salvation is of the Jews. ²³ But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him.
- ²⁴ God *is* Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.”
- ²⁵ The woman said to Him, “**I know that Messiah is coming**” (who is called Christ). “When He comes, He will tell us all things.”
- ²⁶ Jesus said to her, “**I who speak to you am *He*.**”

John 4:20-26

Samaritan Woman – Place of Worship

1. Having been convicted of her sin, the woman asks where she should worship God. Jesus is concerned with Spiritual things. A **Contrite heart is more important than location.**
 - This comment shows one of the main points of contention between Samaritans and Jews. Samaritans only believed in the Pentateuch and chose Mount Gerizim to worship, where Abraham built the first altar (Gen. 12:6-7).
2. v. 21 - “**the hour is coming**” – 70AD prophecy (Mark 13:2).
3. v.22 - Salvation was first revealed to the Jews, & Jesus is a Jew
4. Worship in “**Spirit & Truth**”– external conditions (place, ceremonies, rituals) are not important anymore. **Worship must come from the heart (Ex. 25:2).**
 - When the veil of the temple was torn, the external form of worship came to an end. **Truth** in Greek means “**reality**” and in Hebrew means “**faithful or loyal**”. Worship is not music, but just one way of honoring God.

John 4:26; 29

“I am”

(the Christ & Messiah)

- This is one of the 23 times Jesus says “I AM” (Ex. 3:14 – this means the same as “I am the Alpha and the Omega” Rev. 1:8). Also John 8:58
- The faith of the woman was extremely great – she hadn’t seen or heard of any of Jesus’ miracles, like Nicodemus, but she trusted Him because of what He knew about her.
- The woman was saved, evidenced by the fact that she went and told the men in the city her testimony. (v.29)

John 4:27-29

Bible Scripture – Gospel is for the World

- **27** And at this *point* His disciples came, and **they marveled that He talked with a woman**; yet no one said, “What do You seek?” or, “Why are You talking with her?”
- **28** **The woman then left her waterpot**, went her way into the city, and said to the men,
- **29** **“Come, see a Man who told me all things that I ever did. Could this be the Christ?”**

John 4:27-30

Gospel is for the World

- “at this point His Disciples returned” – means **at that very moment** that He revealed His identity - Divine, providential timetable displayed.
- “**My hour/time has not come yet**” (John 2:4; 8:20; 13:1; 17:1). Jesus was in complete sovereign control of events.
- Lesson for the disciples was that the Gospel is not only for the Jews, but the world.
- The detail that she “left her waterpot” is not explained, but adds authenticity that is an eyewitness account.

John 4:31-34

Bible Scripture – Not Human Food

- ³¹ In the meantime His disciples urged Him, saying, “**Rabbi, eat.**”
- ³² But He said to them, “**I have food to eat of which you do not know.**”
- ³³ Therefore the disciples said to one another, “**Has anyone brought Him *anything* to eat?”**
- ³⁴ Jesus said to them, “**My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to finish His work.**

John 4:31-34

Jesus Doesn't Want Human Food

- Disciples thought Jesus would be hungry (humanity)
- Jesus tells them He has food to eat that they do not know
- Disciples **MISUNDERSTAND**

CRITICAL SPIRITUAL TRUTH

- Deut 8:3/Matt 4:3 “man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by everything that proceeds out of the mouth of the Lord.” (also, Bread of Life Sermon in John 6)
- Doing God's will by proclaiming the truth to a lost sinner is more satisfying than physical food – it's spiritual food!!

John 4:35-39

Bible Scripture – Great Commission

- ³⁵ Do you not say, ‘There are still four months and *then* comes the harvest’? Behold, I say to you, **lift up your eyes and look at the fields, for they are already white for harvest!**
- ³⁶ And he who reaps receives wages, and gathers **fruit for eternal life**, that both he who sows and he who reaps may rejoice together. ³⁷ For in this the saying is true: ‘One sows and another reaps.’
- ³⁸ **I sent you to reap** that for which you have not labored; others have labored, and you have entered into their labors.”
- ³⁹ **And many of the Samaritans of that city believed in Him because of the word of the woman who testified,** “He told me all that I *ever* did.”

The Great Commission/Sowing & Reaping

- Using grain farming in the surrounding fields as an object lesson - Jesus stresses the urgency of reaching the lost.
- No need to wait four months , the spiritual fields are ready for harvest. Just lift up your eyes and look at the lost Samaritans coming to find out the truth.
- **Jesus knew that the hearts of the Samaritans were now ready for salvation. Jesus sowed, the disciples should reap**
- Highlights our responsibility in the harvest and that the wages are the rewards in eternity for gathering fruit for eternal life (**Mark 4:1-20 – Parable of Sower; 1 Cor. 3:6**)

Evangelism Lessons – By Jesus

1. Initiate the conversation – be impartial – race, religion, gender, position, level of sin do not matter. Start with your testimony.
2. Tell them about the Gift of salvation, Ask them if they want it in **FAITH**. A person must want it and ask for it, or accept it when offered.
3. Convict the person of their sin (adultery in this case) – bring the person to feel the guilt and consequence of sin – **REPENTANCE**
4. Unacceptable worship must be abandoned (external religion) and real worship must be from the heart.
5. Tell the person that Jesus Christ is God.

Illustrates 3 Truths about Salvation

1. **Only to those who recognize their desperate need for spiritual life.**
2. **Only to those who confess and repent of their sin and desire forgiveness.**
3. **Only to those who embrace Jesus Christ as God.** (John 14:6; Acts 4:12)

John 4:16-19

Bible Scripture – Healing/2nd Sign

- ⁴³ Now after the **two days** He departed from there and **went to Galilee**. ⁴⁴ **For Jesus Himself testified that a prophet has no honor in his own country.** ⁴⁵ So when He came to Galilee, the Galileans received Him, having seen all the things He did in Jerusalem at the feast; for they also had gone to the feast.
- ⁴⁶ So Jesus came again to **Cana of Galilee** where He had made the water wine. And there was a certain nobleman whose son was sick at Capernaum. ⁴⁷ When he heard that Jesus had come out of Judea into Galilee, he went to Him and implored Him to come down and heal his son, for he was at the **point of death**. ⁴⁸ Then Jesus said to him, “Unless you *people* see signs and wonders, you will by no means believe.”
- ⁴⁹ The nobleman said to Him, “Sir, come down before my child dies!”
- ⁵⁰ Jesus said to him, “Go your way; your son lives.” So **the man believed the word that Jesus spoke** to him, and he went his way. ⁵¹ And as he was now going down, his servants met him and told *him*, saying, “Your son lives!”
- ⁵² Then he inquired of them the hour when he got better. And they said to him, “Yesterday at the seventh hour the fever left him.” ⁵³ So the father knew that *it was* at the same hour in which Jesus said to him, “Your son lives.” **And he himself believed, and his whole household.**
- ⁵⁴ This again *is* the **second sign Jesus did** when He had come out of Judea into Galilee.

2nd SIGN – Healing of a Nobleman’s Son

1. V.48 – “unless you see signs and wonders you will not believe.” But He did do signs and wonders (Wine miracle was in Cana) to reach the lowest level of unbelief. **Most still did not believe in their heart, but only wanted to see more miracles.**
2. “Nobleman” means this is a royal official (of Herod).
3. The Nobleman shows no initial interest in salvation or His message, He just wanted a miracle. Jesus heals him.
4. The man chooses to now **believe** in both the miracle (before it was confirmed) and the **words Jesus spoke**, and his whole family was saved.