
The BIBLE STORY

Jesus Healed an Official's Son, John 4:46-54

After spending time in the city of Jerusalem for the Passover feast, Jesus traveled north to Galilee. On the way, He stopped in Samaria, where He met a Samaritan woman at a well. Then Jesus went to His hometown of Nazareth, where the people rejected Him. Now Jesus went to Cana (KAY nuh), a city in Galilee. Jesus had been there before; Cana was the place where Jesus had performed His first miracle.

At this time, a man living several miles away needed Jesus' help. The man was one of the king's important officials, and his son was very sick. When the official heard that Jesus had come to the region of Galilee, he went to see Him.

The official begged Jesus, "Please come heal my son; he is about to die!"

Jesus answered the man, "You and everyone else in Galilee must see miracles before you will believe in Me."

Jesus healed people so they would see that He is God's Son and believe in Him as the promised Savior.

The official begged again. "Sir," he said, "please come before my boy dies."

Jesus answered, "Go. Your son will live."

The man believed that Jesus was telling the truth. He trusted that Jesus had healed his son, even though the boy was several miles away. Jesus' power to heal was not limited by distance.

The man started his journey back home, eager to be with his son again. Before he even got there, his servants rushed out to meet him. They had great news!

"Your son is alive!" they said. "He is not sick anymore!"

"What time did he get better?" the official asked. The servants told him the exact hour that the boy's fever went away. The official realized that his son had gotten better at the same time Jesus had said, "Your son will live." The man believed in Jesus, and so did everyone in his household.

This was the second miraculous sign that Jesus did after He traveled from Judea up to Galilee.

The official wanted Jesus to save his son from death, and it was not until Jesus did so that he understood who Jesus is: the promised Messiah. It took faith for the official to believe Jesus' words— that his son was healed. In healing the official's son, Jesus showed His authority and power as God's Son.

Big picture question: What happened when Jesus performed miracles?

When people saw Jesus' miracles, something happened. The Bible says that Jesus' miraculous signs were written down so that we can read about them and believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing we may have life. When we trust in Jesus as Lord and Savior, He gives us eternal life.

1. What city did Jesus travel to? (Cana in Galilee, John 4:46)
2. Who was sick and needed Jesus' help? (a royal official's son, John 4:46-47)
3. What did Jesus say the people needed to see to believe in Jesus? (miracles, signs and wonders; John 4:48)
4. What did Jesus say to the man? ("Go, your son will live"; John 4:50)
5. Who met the man on his way home? (his servants, John 4:51)
6. What did the servants say about the man's son? (the boy was alive, John 4:51)
7. Who healed the official's son? (Jesus healed him, John 4:52-53)
8. What happened when Jesus performed miracles? Jesus' miracles helped people believe in Him.