

# The Gospel According to John: The Word Became Flesh

## Lesson 9: Jesus Heals the Official's Son

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### Review

The focus this quarter has been on the Incarnate Christ. Chapter four finishes Jesus' first year of personal ministry. Next quarter we will discuss the five remaining signs and many of Jesus' teachings up until just before the Passion Week. Next quarter study is *The Gospel According to John: That You May Believe*.

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### Jesus Heals the Official's Son (John 4:43-54)

#### ► Explore It

1. Where did Jesus go after He left Samaria? (4:43)
2. What did Jesus say about prophets? (4:44)
3. Why did the Galileans welcome Jesus? (4:45)
4. What had Jesus done in Cana? (4:46)
5. What did the royal official ask Jesus to do? (4:47)
- \* 6. What did Jesus say about miraculous signs? (4:48)
7. How did the official respond to Jesus' comment about miraculous signs? (4:49)
- \* 8. What did Jesus say in response to the royal official's renewed request? (4:50)
9. What was the royal official's response to what Jesus said? (4:50)
10. When did the royal official's son get better? (4:51-53)
- \* 11. What impact did Jesus' healing have on the royal official's household? (4:53)
12. How many (fully-recorded) miracles in this account had Jesus performed? (4:54)

#### ► Get It

13. For what reasons are people interested in Jesus today?
14. In what ways are we typically more interested in what Jesus can do for us than what we can do for Jesus?
- \* 15. When do we usually find ourselves asking God to help us?
16. Why is it sometimes hard to take Jesus at His word?
17. In what ways are we demanding of God in our relationship with Him?

#### ► Apply It

- \* 18. What is something specific you can thank God for doing in your life?
  19. How do you need to trust in God this week to handle a situation you can't control or work out on your own?
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### Related Topics

- \* A "royal official" (or nobleman) could be anyone attached to the King's court.
- \* Why is it often true that "a prophet has no honor in his own country"?
- \* Explain the contrast between the crowd's welcome in v. 45 & Jesus' comments in v. 44 & 48.
- \* So far, what are some ways in which Jesus has displayed His humanity? ...His deity?
- \* Why did the Word become flesh? Why did Jesus perform signs? Why did John record them?

Note: Study guides for this series of lessons are available on the Internet at [www.howellfamily.us/john.htm](http://www.howellfamily.us/john.htm)