

# Abide in Me

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*Come and See*  
**Signs of a Savior**  
John 4:46-54

In our passage today Jesus performs His second sign in Cana. A royal official travels from Capernaum to Cana, seeking Jesus' favor to heal his sick son. When Jesus responds to the official's request for help by saying, "Unless you see signs and wonders, you will not believe," He challenges the faith of the official as well as the sign-seeking crowd to move beyond a faith that seeks only visible proof. He calls them to trust in His word, so instead of performing the miracle in front of him, Jesus gives him His word—and the official believes!

As the official journeys back to his son, he encounters his servants, who confirm that the healing happened at the exact moment Jesus spoke. This timely confirmation strengthens the man's faith, leading him to believe not only in Jesus' miraculous power but also in His identity as the Messiah. God used the official's difficult situation to bless his entire household, as they all came to believe in Jesus.

This sign is more than just a miracle—it's a revelation of Jesus' divine authority and an invitation for all to place their faith in Him. This second sign, like the first at Cana, emphasizes that Jesus' power is not bound by time or space; He is the Savior whose words alone carry the power to heal, transform, and bring eternal life.

## TEXT

<sup>46</sup> So he came again to Cana in Galilee, where he had made the water wine. And at Capernaum there was an official whose son was ill. <sup>47</sup> When this man heard that Jesus had come from Judea to Galilee, he went to him and asked him to come down and heal his son, for he was at the point of death. <sup>48</sup> So Jesus said to him, "Unless you see signs and wonders you will not believe." <sup>49</sup> The official said to him, "Sir, come down before my child dies." <sup>50</sup> Jesus said to him, "Go; your son will live." The man believed the word that Jesus spoke to him and went on his way. <sup>51</sup> As he was going down, his servants met him and told him that his son was recovering. <sup>52</sup> So he asked them the hour when he began to get better, and they said to him, "Yesterday at the seventh hour the fever left him." <sup>53</sup> The father knew that was the hour when Jesus had said to him, "Your son will live." And he himself believed, and all his household. <sup>54</sup> This was now the second sign that Jesus did when he had come from Judea to Galilee.

## INTERACTIVE QUESTIONS

1. Read vv. 46-47. A crisis in the official's life brought him to faith in Christ. Has a crisis or difficulty in your life brought you closer to God? If so, how?
2. Why is it significant that Jesus speaks to the plural "you" in verse 48, and how does this reflect the mindset of the Galileans? What does this teach us about the difference between seeing Jesus as a miracle worker versus the Messiah?
3. In what way does the royal official's persistence in verse 49 demonstrate both faith and desperation?
4. Jesus told the official, "Go; your son will live." Why was this such a profound moment in the official's journey of faith?
5. How does the official's immediate obedience to Jesus' word in verse 50 serve as an example of true faith? What does this teach us about trusting God, even when we don't have visible proof of His promises?
6. In verses 51-53, the official learns that his son was healed at the exact moment Jesus spoke the words. Why is the timing so important in confirming the miracle? How does this reveal Jesus' divine power?



