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Scripture: John 4:50-54

TITLE: The Greatest Miracle

Let's pick it back up in John 4:50-54.

Jesus said to him, "Go; your son will live." The man believed the word that Jesus spoke to him and went on his way. As he was going down, his servants met him and told him that his son was recovering. 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." 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. This was now the second sign that Jesus did when he had come from Judea to Galilee.

In verses 46-49, Jesus has left Samaria and returned to Galilee. The people have come to see Him perform more signs and miracles. A royal official has come to Jesus to heal His son, who is sick and dying. He demands and begs that Jesus comes to heal the son before He dies. And then Jesus says to him, "Go; your son will live." Remember that in John 1, we meet Jesus – the divine *logos*. He is the uncaused first cause. He is God, and His words are powerful.

What faith the man lacked in verses 46-49 has decreased. He believes in Jesus' power and leaves. On his way home, he meets some of his servants, and they say his son is recovering. The word that Jesus used for "live" in verse 50 is the same word that the servants use in verse 51. He knows that Jesus is the reason why his son is well and lives.

What's the result of this miracle? It says in verse 53 that He believed. That means he went from believing in Jesus as the miracle man to the savior. His whole family believed as well.

You see, this is the reason why Jesus came. Jesus didn't come to perform signs. He didn't come to make sick people well. He came to make spiritually dead people live. That is the greatest miracle of all. Yes, He can and did heal the sick. He did make the blind see. He did physical miracles. But He did the greatest miracle: He offered peace with God at His expense.

The question is, do you believe this? John 20:31 says, "these are written so that you may believe." Do you believe? Yes, Jesus does still heal people physically but remember, they still will die. Yes, God does still do miracles, but the real miracle is salvation and eternity with God. That is true lasting healing. That's what I want. I believe in Jesus.

Do you?