

Different Responses to Jesus' Miracles – John 4:43-5:18

The demand for signs (John 4:43-48)

A grateful father's belief (John 4:49-54)

An ungrateful invalid's unbelief (John 5:1-14)

The hostility of the Jews against the miracle working Son of God (John 5:15-18)

Questions for Discussion & Application:

1. What was surprising, confusing, or helpful from today's passage?
2. In 4:48 Jesus rebuked the Galileans for their demand of signs. How do people still demand signs today? What should be sufficient in order for us to believe? Is there an area of your life where you are demanding a sign instead of trusting God's Word?
3. In 4:50 the official took Jesus at His word – this is the essence of faith: taking Jesus at His word and acting on the basis that Jesus' word is true. How do you need to take Jesus at His word in your own life?
4. We see very different responses to Jesus' teaching and miracles in today's passage – what are the different responses? Why do people see and hear the same things and yet respond so differently?
5. Jesus healed the invalid in a way that ensured that He would NOT share His glory as the healer with the superstition surrounding the pool. What contemporary examples of misguided superstition can we see today? How should we respond to these as Christians?

Memory Verse: John 4:50

Passage to Look at for Next Week: John 5:19-47