



The Power of Truth, Signs, and Wonders **John 4:43-54**

Jesus saith unto him, Go thy way; thy son liveth. And the man believed the word that Jesus had spoken unto him, and he went his way (John 4:50—KJV).

*Jesus *said to him, “Go; your son lives.” The man believed the word that Jesus spoke to him and started off (John 4:50—NASB).*

Jesus said to him, “Go; your son will live.” The man believed the word that Jesus spoke to him and started on his way (John 4:50—NRSV).

Some people believed in Jesus because of signs and wonders. Jesus even said that some people would not believe in Him unless they saw signs and wonders. After Jesus' resurrection, when the Apostles talked about Jesus, they performed signs and wonders that helped some believe in Him. From Romans 15:18-19, the Apostle Paul wrote that “by word and deed, by the power of signs and wonders, by the power of the Spirit of God,” he “fully proclaimed the good news of Christ.” In 2 Corinthians 12:12, Paul wrote “The signs of a true apostle were performed among you with utmost patience, signs and wonders and mighty works.” Unfortunately, signs and wonders can be counterfeited and are sometimes unreliable. In 2 Thessalonians 2:9-10, Paul warned, “The coming of the lawless one is apparent in the working of Satan, who uses all power, signs, lying wonders, and every kind of wicked deception for those who are perishing, because they refused to

love the truth and so be saved.” To avoid spiritual deception, people must “love the truth.” To believe reasonably and truly, people must consider the words of Jesus rather than trust solely in signs and wonders. In John 18:37, Jesus declared, “For this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.” Without signs and wonders, Samaritans in Sychar believed the words of Jesus and accepted Him as Savior. Without signs and wonders, a royal official traveled twenty miles from Capernaum to Cana, believed Jesus’ words, returned home, and found his son saved by Jesus’ word.

Thinking Further

1. Why was Jesus welcomed when He went to Galilee?
2. What are the two signs that Jesus gave when He was in Galilee?
3. What kind of person went from Capernaum to Cana to see Jesus? Why did he go to see Jesus?
4. What did Jesus do to meet the person’s need? Why do you think Jesus met his need in this way?
5. How do we know the person who went to see Jesus believed Jesus?