



THE CONTROVERSY BEGINS  
A SAVIOR WORTH TRUSTING

JOHN 4:43-54

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1. Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ (vv. 43-48)

**John 4:43-54**

43 After the two days he departed for Galilee. 44 (For Jesus himself had testified that a prophet has no honor in his own hometown.) 45 So when he came to Galilee, the Galileans welcomed him, having seen all that he had done in Jerusalem at the feast. For they too had gone to the feast. **Jesus Heals an Official's Son** 46 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. 47 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. 48 So Jesus said to him, "Unless you see signs and wonders you will not believe." 49 The official said to him, "Sir, come down before my child dies." 50 Jesus said to him, "Go; your son will live." The man believed the word that Jesus spoke to him and went on his way. 51 As he was going down, his servants met him and told him that his son was recovering. 52 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." 53 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. 54 This was now the second sign that Jesus did when he had come from Judea to Galilee.

2. Take \_\_\_\_\_ (vv. 49-54)

## APPLICATION QUESTIONS

1. **Read Matthew 7:21-23.** What is the difference between those who “admire” or “respect” Jesus and those who truly embrace him as Lord and Savior? How did you see that difference in your own life?

2. In what ways today do people come to Jesus because of what they want from him instead of because who he really is? Are there any ways that you think you are tempted to do that?

3. As you think through the challenges you will face this week, what are some of the ways you need to take God at his word? Think of specific passages or promises that you will hold onto this week.

4. **Read Matthew 16:24-25.** As you have taken Jesus at his word and taken up your cross to follow him, what are the ways you would say you have “found life”? How does that motivate you to take Jesus at his word this week?

### RECOMMENDED RESOURCES

*Here are some books which may help you dig deeper into what we studied today. While Pastor Ben cannot endorse everything about each book/author, he does think these books are worth considering and reading.*

MacArthur, John. *One Perfect Life*. Thomas Nelson, 2012.  
 Piper, John. *Seeing and Savoring Jesus Christ*. Crossway, 2004.  
 Walvoord, John F. *Jesus Christ our Lord*. Moody Publishers, 1969.

### PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray that our church would keep our eyes on Jesus in this season.  
 Pray for opportunities to point others to Jesus as the only true hope.  
 Pray that God grows our trust to take Jesus at his word.  
 Pray for wisdom for our political leaders as they work to reopen the economy and keep people safe.  
 Pray for a long-term home for CBCTV.

## REVIVAL FROM THE BIBLE READING

Date	O.T.	Psalms	N.T.	Gospels
5/18/2020	1 Samuel 20-21	Psalms 63:1-4	1 Corinthians 8:1-6	Mark 9:30-37
5/19/2020	1 Samuel 22-24	Psalms 63:5-11	1 Corinthians 8:7-13	Mark 9:38-41
5/20/2020	1 Samuel 25	Psalms 64	1 Corinthians 9:1-18	Mark 9:42-50
5/21/2020	1 Samuel 26-28	Psalms 65:1-4	1 Corinthians 9:19-27	Mark 10:1-16
5/22/2020	1 Samuel 29-31	Psalms 65:5-13	1 Corinthians 10:1-13	Mark 10:17-34
5/23/2020	2 Samuel 1-2	Psalms 66:1-7	1 Corinthians 10:14-33	Mark 10:35-52