

Your Son Will Live

John 4:43-54

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Jews and Samaritans had never gotten along; they despised one another. Typically, Jews would go the long way around rather than defile themselves by passing through Samaria, land of the half-breeds. But Jesus had just come through Samaria on his way from Judea to Galilee.

Jesus once said, "A prophet is never accepted in his own hometown." And he was right. Although he was welcomed when he arrived in Galilee, his welcome was superficial. The people of Galilee weren't interested in Jesus himself. They were excited about everything they had seen him do at the Passover celebration in Jerusalem the week before.

As Jesus traveled through Galilee, one of the places he visited was Cana, where he had turned water into wine. While he was there, a government official from nearby Capernaum arrived and said to Jesus, "Come to Capernaum and heal my son. He is about to die."

Jesus said, "Unless I perform miraculous signs, you people will never believe in me."

The official pleaded, "Sir, please come before my son dies."

Jesus replied, "Go home. Your son will live."

The man trusted what Jesus said and left for home. While he was on his way, some of his servants met him with the news that his son was alive and well. He asked, "When did he get better?"

They said, "The fever left him yesterday at one o'clock in the afternoon."

The man realized that was the very time Jesus had told him, "Your son will live." The man believed in Jesus and so did everyone else in his household.