

Bible Study

Gods Word in Focus



Week Nine

Gospel of John

John 4:43-54 & 5:1-16

Jesus goes to Galilee

John 4:43-45

After his short stay in Samaria, Jesus left Sychar and he continued his journey to Galilee. Jesus had lived in Galilee since he was a child. His family lived there still. It was his 'own country'.

And the people there were pleased to see him. But he said another proverb
'A Prophet has no honor in his own country.'

Jesus rescues a court official's son

John 4:46-54

Do you approach the Lord Jesus with expectant faith for healing, pardon, and transformation in Christ-like holiness? Jesus' miracles are signs that manifest the presence and power of God's kingdom. When a high ranking official, who was very likely from King Herod's court, heard the reports of Jesus' preaching and miracles, he decided to seek Jesus out for an extraordinary favor.

If this story happened today the media headlines would probably say: "High ranking official leaves capital in search of miracle cure from a small town carpenter."

God's mercy shows his generous love – a love that bends down in response to our misery and wretchedness. Is there any area in your life where you need healing, pardon, change, and restoration? If you seek the Lord with trust and expectant faith, he will not disappoint you. He will meet you more than half way and give you what you need. The Lord Jesus never refused anyone who put their trust in him. Surrender your doubts and fears, your pride and guilt at his feet, and trust in his saving word and healing love.

”Walk and sin no more”

John 5:1-16

Is there anything holding you back from the Lord's healing power and transforming grace? In the pool at Bethesda we see an individual's helplessness overcome by God's mercy and power. On this occasion Jesus singles out an incurable invalid, helpless and hopeless for almost forty years. He awakens hope when he puts a probing question to the man, "Do you really want to be healed?" And he then orders him to "get up and walk!"

God will not force our hand against our will. The first essential step towards growth and healing is the desire for change. If we are content to stay as we are, then no amount of coaxing will change us.

The Lord manifests his power and saving grace towards those who desire transformation of life in Christ. The Lord approaches each of us with the same probing question: "Do you really want to be changed, to be set free from the power of sin, and to be transformed into my holiness?"