

# *Light and Life:* Jesus in the Gospel of John

## Today's message: **A Father's Desperation**

### **John 4:46-54 (ESV)**

<sup>46</sup> 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. <sup>47</sup> 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.

<sup>48</sup> So Jesus said to him, "Unless you see signs and wonders you will not believe."

<sup>49</sup> The official said to him, "Sir, come down before my child dies."

<sup>50</sup> Jesus said to him, "Go; your son will live." The man believed the word that Jesus spoke to him and went on his way. <sup>51</sup> As he was going down, his servants met him and told him that his son was recovering. <sup>52</sup> 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." <sup>53</sup> 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. <sup>54</sup> This was now the second sign that Jesus did when he had come from Judea to Galilee.

### *The signs in John's Gospel:*

1. *The turning of water into wine (John 2:1-12)*
2. *The healing of the royal official's son (John 4:46-54)*
3. *The healing of the paralytic at the pool of Bethesda (John 5:1-17)*
4. *The feeding of the five thousand (John 6:1-14)*
5. *The walking on water (John 6:15-25)*
6. *The healing of the man born blind (John 9:1-41)*
7. *The raising of Lazarus (John 11:1-46)*

### **John 20:30-31 (ESV)**

<sup>30</sup> Now **Jesus did many other signs** in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; <sup>31</sup> but **these are written so that you may believe** that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that **by believing you may have life** in his name.

### 4 essential questions:

1. What does this encounter say to us about *people*?
2. What does this encounter say to us about *Jesus*?
3. What does this encounter have to say about *me*?
4. Who needs to hear about this encounter?

About people ...

*Sometimes desperation ...*

*The power of faith is found in it's \_\_\_\_\_, not in its  
" \_\_\_\_\_ "*

About Jesus ...

*He responds to our desperate \_\_\_\_\_, not our desperate  
\_\_\_\_\_.*

*He builds our faith through \_\_\_\_\_ ...*

*He builds our faith through \_\_\_\_\_ ...*

About me ...

*A father has a profound influence on ...*

I need to share this this week with ...

**John 20:29 (ESV)**

<sup>29</sup> Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."