

THE GROWING FAITH OF A NOBLEMAN AND HIS HOUSE

JOHN 4:43-54

I. FACTORS THAT MADE CHRIST ACCESSIBLE TO A HOUSEHOLD IN CAPERNAUM (4:43-46)

- A. Rejection By His Own Countrymen (4:43-44)
- B. Reception (At Least On The Surface) By Others (4:45-4:46a)

II. RECORD OF THE PROGRESS OF FAITH THROUGHOUT A HOUSEHOLD IN CAPERNAUM (4:46-54)

- A. The Lord Allowed A Crisis To Drive A Certain Nobleman To Himself (4:46-47)
 - 1. He Had A Son Who Was At The Point Of Death
 - 2. He Was An Official In The Court Of Herod Antipas
- B. The Lord Put His Finger On The Weakness Of Our Faith (4:48-49)
 - 1. Men Will Not Believe What They Cannot See
 - 2. Men Must Be Willing To Receive Christ's Word Alone
 - 3. Men Nevertheless Remain Fixated On Their Problems (4:49)
- C. The Lord Kills Two Birds With One Stone By Requiring The Nobleman To Believe What He Cannot See (4:50-54)
 - 1. His Servants Intercepted Him On The Road With A Proclamation Of Good News (4:51)
 - 2. He Tries To Coordinate The Timing Of The Event (4:52)
 - 3. His Faith Reached An Even Greater Level And Evidently Influenced His Entire House For Christ (4:53)