

## Getting Started

1. What do you think some of the advantages and drawbacks of being in a position of importance (such as a Senator) would be?
2. How do you think a person's position in society affects their own view of self-importance? What are the dangers of allowing your view of yourself to be too connected to your position in society?

## Digging Deeper

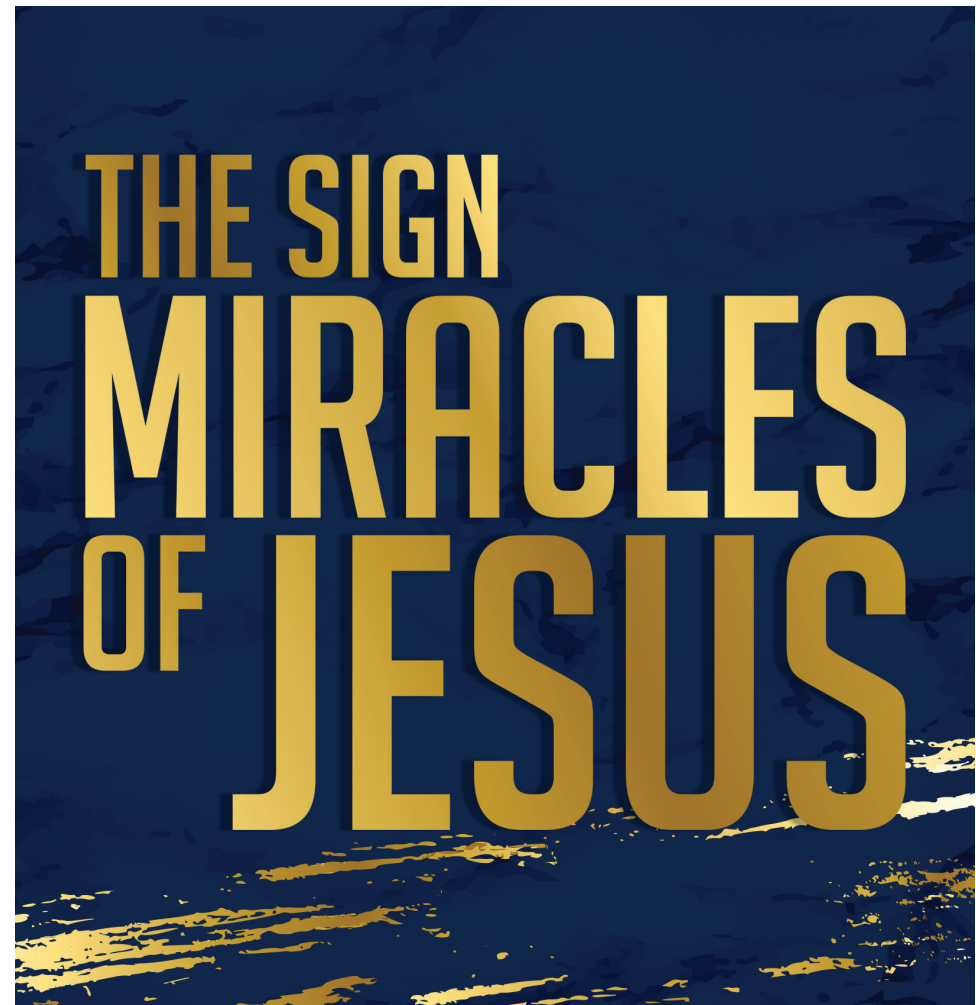
1. Read John 4:46. In this verse, what was the man's position and what was his problem?

How do you think his position helped him in his problem?

2. Read John 4:47-49. Do you believe the man was coming to Jesus motivated by his belief in his own importance or because of his belief in Jesus' power? How do you think the man's approach may or may not have influenced Jesus' response to him?
3. Pastor Jeremiah labeled the man's approach as "sincere" and "simple." What does approaching Jesus with sincerity and simplicity play out in our prayers, in our worship, or in our relationship with Jesus as a whole?
4. Read John 4:47 and John 4:50. How did Jesus' response differ from the man's request? In what ways do you believe this can be a frightening truth and in what ways do you believe this can be a freeing truth?

## Bringing It Home

1. How comfortable are you with being a "believing is seeing" person (rather than "seeing is believing" type of person)? Is there a problem in your life right now that you could be intentional about responding in faith to?
2. What would a step of faith look like in that problem? What would hold you back from taking that step of faith and what would help propel you into taking that step?



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## INTRODUCTION

I. Christ and a \_\_\_\_\_  
John 4:46; Job 5:6-7

II. Christ and a \_\_\_\_\_

A. The Nobleman's \_\_\_\_\_  
John 4:47

B. The Nobleman's \_\_\_\_\_  
John 4:48-49

C. The Nobleman's \_\_\_\_\_  
John 4:50

III. Christ and a \_\_\_\_\_

John 4:51-53

A. Faith in the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ  
John 4:47

B. Faith in the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ  
John 4:50

C. Faith in the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ  
John 4:53

IV. Christ and a \_\_\_\_\_

John 4:54

## CONCLUSION

A. Faith \_\_\_\_\_ God to Operate Any Way  
He Chooses

B. Faith \_\_\_\_\_ First and Then Sees the Results  
John 4:50; Hebrews 11:1

C. Faith \_\_\_\_\_ the Fact That God Is at Work  
Even Before It Can See What He Is Doing