

The passage we will share today is commonly referred to as the story of Jesus healing the royal official's son. Signs are important miracles that reveal who Jesus is. They testify that Jesus is the Son of God, the Christ, and they teach us what kind of faith we should stand before Him with.

So, who is the Jesus revealed in today's passage?

First, Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, who works through His Word.

Today's passage emphasizes something specific: when Jesus heals the sick, He uses various methods. Each has its reasons. However, today's passage particularly shows that He heals the sick through His Word alone. This is possible because Jesus is the Son of God, the very essence of God. As God is the Lord of all and the sovereign ruler, it is only natural that everything obeys and submits to God's Word.

We must develop a new perspective on the Word. We should approach it with anticipation and reverence. This is not just theoretical knowledge. The work of the Word bears witness that God is the Lord of the entire universe. Through the Word, we come to know the Almighty God. Also, the Word is a vital means through which God accomplishes His plans. Even now, God governs and works through the principles of His Word in the universe.

Second, Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, who came to this earth with the mission of salvation.

There is a slightly peculiar expression in today's passage, particularly in verses 44 and the first part of 45: "(Now Jesus Himself had testified that a prophet has no honor in his own hometown. So when He came to Galilee, the Galileans welcomed Him.)" There is a conjunction, "oŭv" (translated as "therefore, so"), in front of verse 45. If you translate it literally, it reads: "Jesus had testified that a prophet has no honor in his own hometown. Therefore, when He came to Galilee, the Galileans welcomed Him."

Normally, the expression would be natural like this: "Jesus said that a prophet is not welcomed in his hometown. However, when He went to Galilee, the people welcomed Him." But there is an important paradox here. Think only of the part where Jesus went to Galilee in verse 45. Jesus went to Galilee because He knew the people of His hometown would not welcome Him, and they did not. Jesus did not come to this earth to be welcomed or honored. He came to serve and to give His life as a ransom for many (Mark 10:45). This is an incredible grace. In fact, no one is born believing in Jesus. We all rejected and denied Him. We were all enemies of Christ. But Jesus did not distance Himself from us. Even though we did not welcome Him, He still came to us.

Third, Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, who transcends my boundaries.

Today's passage introduces the story of the royal official who pleaded for his son among the many healing stories of Jesus. The fact that he was a royal official is worth noting. The hardest thing for the royal official to let go of would have been his pride and dignity. To everyone who witnessed this scene at the time, it would have been shocking. An elderly, highly educated, powerful, and wealthy royal official runs to Jesus, a young, uneducated man from a rural town like Galilee, to plead for help.

Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. It is foolish to consider your pride and dignity in front of Him. We can see this in human terms. Worship is offered before the living God, praise is an act of exalting and honoring Him, and through the sermon, we hear God's voice. If prayer is seeking help from the living God, then we must transcend the boundaries of pride and dignity.

**Bible
Memorization**

A VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

“For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.” (Mark 10:45)

**Bible
Reading**

9/30(Mon)	10/1(Tue)	10/2(Wed)	10/3(Thur)	10/4(Fri)	10/5(Sat)	10/6(Sun)
Hosea 10-14	Joel 1-3, Amos 1	Amos 2-5	Amos 6-9, Obadiah 1	Jonah 1-4, Micah 1	Micah 2-6	Micah 7, Nahum 1-3, Habakkuk 1

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Quiet Time Passage

9/23(Mon)	9/24(Tue)	9/25(Wed)	9/26(Thur)	9/27(Fri)	9/28(Sat)	9/29(Sun)
Nehemiah 11:10-21	Nehemiah 11:22-36	Nehemiah 12:1-21	Nehemiah 12:22-30	Nehemiah 12:31-47	Nehemiah 13:1-9	Nehemiah 13:10-22

**Sharing
Questions**

1. What new insights or blessings did you receive from today's message?
2. Among Jesus the Word, Jesus who lovingly seeks me, and Jesus whom I must transcend myself to meet, which aspect challenges your faith the most today?
3. Share the parts of your life where you want to experience the healing and restoration of Jesus, and pray together.