



## **The Government Official Goes on Record: Seeing is Believing**

John 4:43-54

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Have you ever seen something so incredible, you wouldn't have believed it if you didn't see it?

### **▪ Seeing is believing.**

John 20:24-25 One of the twelve disciples, Thomas (nicknamed the Twin), was not with the others when Jesus came. They told him, "We have seen the Lord!" But he replied, "I won't believe it unless I see the nail wounds in his hands, put my fingers into them, and place my hand into the wound in his side." (NLT)

Why is it so hard to believe in something before fully seeing it?

John 20:29 You believe because you have seen! Blessed are those who believe without seeing me. (NLT)

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### **▪ They're more concerned with 'what he can give them' vs 'getting to know him.'**

John 20:30-31... Jesus provided far more God-revealing signs than are written down in this book. These are written down so you will believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and in the act of believing, have real and eternal life in the way he personally revealed it. (MSG)

John 4:46-48

## **A Faith that Saves**

### **▪ Believes Enough to GO to Jesus**

John 4:47 When he heard that Jesus had come from Judea to Galilee, he went and begged Jesus to come to Capernaum to heal his son, who was about to die. (NLT)

The Official heard. He went. He begged.

Would I be willing to travel at least 20 miles on foot to seek Jesus?

Psalm 9:10 Those who know your name trust in you, you, O Lord, do not abandon those who search for you. (NLT)

### **▪ Faith that believes is willing to obey.**

John 4:50 Then Jesus told him, "Go back home. Your son will live!" And the man believed what Jesus said and started home. (NLT)

### **▪ Faith believes in Jesus' promise. ▪ True faith Trusts God's word**

The official trusted Jesus' word, turned around, and went home.

He let go of control and let God have control.

James 1:2-3

John 4:51-54

The boy was healed and lived. (51)

Faith saves.

Faith grows as we use it.

### **▪ The Official believed. He sought. He asked. He obeyed.**

He experienced without seeing.

**Lord, I want a faith that saves. I want a faith that trusts your word. And because I trust your word, I will obey it.**