

July 24

Cynical Countrymen—Believing Father

Now therefore fear Yahweh, and serve him in sincerity and in truth...choose this day whom you will serve...but as for me and my house, we will serve Yahweh.

— Joshua 24:14-15

[John 4:43-54, Galilee/Cana] After the two days he went out from there in the power of the Spirit and went into Galilee. For Jesus himself testified that a prophet has no honor in his own country. So when he came into Galilee, the Galileans received him, having seen all the things that he did in Jerusalem at the feast, for they also went to the feast, and news about him spread through all the surrounding area. He taught in their synagogues, being glorified by all, *preaching the Good News of the Kingdom of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the Kingdom of God is at hand! Repent, and believe in the Good News."*

Jesus came therefore again to Cana of Galilee, where he made the water into wine. There was a certain nobleman whose son was sick at Capernaum. When he heard that Jesus had come out of Judea into Galilee, he went to him, and begged him that he would come down and heal his son,

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for he was at the point of death. Jesus therefore said to him, "Unless you* see signs and wonders, you* will in no way believe." [*plural]

The nobleman said to him, "Sir, come down before my child dies."

Jesus said to him, "Go your way. Your son lives." The man believed the word that Jesus spoke to him, and he went his way. As he was now going down, his servants met him and reported, saying "Your child lives!" So he inquired of them the hour when he began to get better. They said therefore to him, "Yesterday at the seventh hour, the fever left him." So the father knew that it was at that hour in which Jesus said to him, "Your son lives." He believed, as did his whole house. This is again the second sign that Jesus did, having come out of Judea into Galilee.

[Luke 4:14-15, Mark 1:15]

1. How do we know Jesus got no honor from Galilee? To whom did he say "Unless..."?
2. Do you believe the words you read and hear from Jesus? What have you seen happen?
3. Jesus, my household and I believe your word, please help us today to have faith that...