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# LIVECHRIST

LORD OF LIFE  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

*These are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in His name. ~ John 20:31*

## JESUS HEALS THE OFFICIAL'S SON

**Text:** John 4:43-54

**Key Verse:** *The father realized that this was the hour when Jesus had to said to him 'your son will live.' So he himself believed, along with his whole household. ~ John 4:53*

**Biblical Background:** Jesus' fame precedes him as he returns to Galilee and a government official – probably a Roman and a Gentile – begs him to heal his son. Jesus grants the healing from a distance. The official does not rush away to check on the healing; he takes Jesus at his word. This miracle was more than a favor to one person, it was another sign to all the people.

### Sermon Reflections

### Text Messages

for personal and small group reflection

Jesus travels from Samaria to Galilee. What's different about people in these two places?

Why are prophets usually not honored in their own country?

Why do the Galileans seem to honor Jesus in verse 45?

Have you ever been as desperate as the royal official? When?

What is Jesus' point in verse 48?

The official "believed" in verse 50. Why?

The whole household "believed" in verse 53. Why?

### Faith Spark

The official trusted in Jesus' ability to heal his son. How will you trust Jesus in the upcoming weeks? Lord of Life will serve extra dinners at Hope Lodge between Thanksgiving and Christmas. Trust that Jesus will be with you if you step out of your comfort zone to serve others in this way.

**To read for next week:** John 5:1-47

Read the text. As you read, jot down any questions or comments you have.

What do you wonder about? What catches your eye?

What effect do these words have on you personally?