

# That You Might Believe

◆ A STUDY OF THE GOSPEL OF JOHN ◆



"These things are written that you might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you might have life in His name." John 20:31

A 'Tuesday Night at the Crescent' Series

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*Subject: 'Healing from a Distance' (John 4:46-54)*

### 1. The three main questions raised in this story:

- A question of signs (v43-48).
- A question of believing. Notice the nobleman believed twice (v50 and v53 cf. Romans 5:1-4). It is the progression of faith.
- A question of timing (v50 and v52). Christ is the Lord of time and space.

### 2. The Lord's strange response: why did He talk theology (v48) when the nobleman was in deep distress with his boy on the point of death? It was a question of delayed evidence (Jn. 20:31; John 2:19-22). The Lord shows the nobleman that he will know no peace of mind unless he takes His word without any immediate evidence. The evidence would come later.

### 3. A word to fathers. The nobleman's behaviour is a fine example of a role-model of good parenting:

- A faithful father isn't too independent to admit his needs.
- A faithful father isn't too busy to know his children.
- A faithful father isn't too proud to believe God's Word.
- A faithful father isn't too logical to walk by faith.
- A faithful father isn't too serious to enjoy life with his family.

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*"How hard it is to turn our thoughts to God when everything is going well with us."*

(C. S. LEWIS)