

A.L.I.V.E. Bible Study
Date: January 27, 2021
Fulfilled – John 4:43-54

1. Where, according to 4:43, did Jesus go after he left the town in Samaria? _____
 2. Why, according to 4:44, is this significant?
 - a. Well, that is where he was headed in verse 3 before he met the Samaritan woman.
 - b. This was Jesus home.
 - c. Jesus had pointed out that a prophet has no honor in his own country (The story of this quote is not told in John's Gospel, but is found in Matthew 5:53-57 and Mark 6:1-5)
 - d. John is contrasting this reception with other visits and pointing out that this welcome might be different for some reason.
 3. Why did the Galileans welcome Jesus when he came?
 - a. Because he was a light in a dark place.
 - b. Because many had been in Jerusalem at the Passover festival and had seen what Jesus had done.
 - c. They were excited about the miraculous signs.
 4. Why, according to verses 46-47, did the royal official come to see Jesus?
 - a. He had heard that Jesus had come.
 - b. He had heard about the miraculous signs.
 - c. He had a son who was close to death.
 - d. He came to beg Jesus to heal his son.
 5. How did Jesus respond to the official?
 - a. He expressed frustration that people needed miracles in order to believe.
 - b. He declared that his son would live.
 6. Why do we welcome/come to Jesus? _____
(There seems to be a bit of a contrast or caution in John's Gospel. On one hand, he tells us that he hopes we will believe when we hear about some of the signs and wonders he performed. He points out how many people during that time believed because they saw them. However, he also points out here, like in the story of Nicodemus that a belief based only on visible signs and not on a deeper spiritual intimacy with God is insufficient or elementary).
 7. How did the official respond to Jesus, according to verse 49? _____
How did Jesus respond in verse 50? _____
Then what did the official do, according to verse 50? _____
 8. Have you ever received a word or promise from the Lord that required you to take him at his word before the miracle was visible to you? Yes _____ No _____ Explain. _____

 9. What do you think would have happened if the official did not believe Jesus and kept begging?

 10. Was it a coincidence that the son was better when the official went back home?
Yes _____ No _____ What about the time? _____
 11. What, according to the end of verse 53, was the result of the official's trust in Jesus? _____

- Can your faith and God's faithfulness result in the belief of others? Yes _____ No _____ Has it?