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The Second Sign

John 4:43-54 ⁴³After two days, Jesus left for Galilee. ⁴⁴Now He Himself had testified that a prophet has no honor in his own country. ⁴⁵Yet when He arrived, the Galileans welcomed Him. They had seen all the great things He had done in Jerusalem at the feast, for they had gone there as well. ⁴⁶So once again He came to Cana in Galilee, where He had turned the water into wine. And there was a royal official whose son lay sick at Capernaum. ⁴⁷When he heard that Jesus had come from Judea to Galilee, he went and begged Him to come down and heal his son, who was about to die. ⁴⁸Jesus said to him, "Unless you people see signs and wonders, you will never believe." ⁴⁹"Sir," the official said, "come down before my child dies." ⁵⁰"Go," said Jesus. "Your son will live." The man took Jesus at His word and departed. ⁵¹And while he was still on the way, his servants met him with the news that his boy was alive. ⁵²So he inquired as to the hour when his son had recovered, and they told him, "The fever left him yesterday at the seventh hour." ⁵³Then the father realized that this was the very hour in which Jesus had told him, "Your son will live." And he and all his household believed. ⁵⁴This was now the second sign that Jesus performed after coming from Judea into Galilee. (BSB)

Mark 6:1-6 ¹Jesus went on from there and came to His hometown, accompanied by His disciples. ²When the Sabbath came, He began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard Him were astonished. "Where did this man get these ideas?" they asked. "What is this wisdom He has been given? And how can He perform such miracles?" ³Isn't this the carpenter, the son of Mary and the brother of James, Joseph, Judas, and Simon? Aren't His sisters here with us as well?" And they took offense at Him. ⁴Then Jesus told them, "A prophet is without honor only in his hometown, among his relatives, and in his own household." ⁵So He could not perform any miracles there, except to lay His hands on a few of the sick and heal them. ⁶And He was amazed at their unbelief. (BSB)

Matthew 13:53-58 ⁵³When Jesus had finished these parables, He withdrew from that place. ⁵⁴Coming to His hometown, He taught the people in their synagogue, and they were astonished. "Where did this man get such wisdom and miraculous powers?" they asked. ⁵⁵"Isn't this the carpenter's son? Isn't His mother's name Mary, and aren't His brothers James, Joseph, Simon, and Judas?" ⁵⁶Aren't all His sisters with us as well? Where then did this man get all these things?" ⁵⁷And they took offense at Him. But Jesus said to them, "Only in his hometown and in his own household is a prophet without honor." ⁵⁸And He did not do many miracles there, because of their unbelief. (BSB)

I. Here are the details of this passage.

A. Jesus was coming back **home** to Galilee where He had grown up. V. 3

B. The **first** miracle that He had performed there was at the wedding in Cana. V. 46

- C. He was **greeted** by some who had seen His miracles in Jerusalem. V.45
 - D. There He met a royal official whose son was **sick** in the town of Capernaum. V.46
 - E. The official **begged** Jesus to come and heal his son. V.47
 - F. Jesus acknowledged the dilemma that signs were important for them to **develop** belief. V.48
 - G. Jesus **declared** that the official's son will live. V.49-50
 - H. The official got the message that his son was healed the **moment** Jesus had said that he would be healed. 51-53
 - I. The official and his entire household became **believers**. V. 53
 - J. This was **only** the second sign that Jesus did in His home town. V. 54
- II. Why is this story so important to us who are Christians?
- A. The postmodern people around us are hungry for the **supernatural**, but our modernistic culture tends to dismiss the supernatural.
 - B. Many Christians lack the faith to ask for **signs**.
 - C. Medicine and science are important, but God cannot be **categorized** out of existence.
 - D. The rock of **unbelief** is what keeps revival from happening around us.
 - E. True Christianity is not just a set of **doctrinal** statements.