"Go Your Way; Your Son Lives" or "Will You Believe Christ at His Word?"

Intro: We have presented before us in this book of Writ, a picture of who the Heavenly Father is as through Christ; and at that, we are confronted with the issue of how men respond to Christ, understanding that to reject God the Son is to reject God the Father.

A. All the way through our study of John, as we read of the person of Christ, we should be saying to ourselves, “Oh, Christ explains the Father to me! Now I know what the Heavenly Father is like!” And, at that, we should also continually ask ourselves, “that the Father sent Jesus to be the Savior of the world?”

I. Jesus ___________ ____________ from Samaria to minister in Galilee.

A. Though they had been in a foreign land (Samaria) where they received much true honor, it was _____________ that they go to His own country (Galilee) where the Prophet would receive ___ ____________.

1. Jesus was called _____________ the ________ - not the Samaritans nor Gentiles (cf. Matt. 10:5).

2. He would avoid the cross until His time had come, and that time could not come until He was _____________ to be “the stone that the builders _____________ ... A stone of stumbling and a rock of offense” (1 Peter 2:7-8).

B. As the Beloved points out that our Lord said “The prophet is without honor in his own country”, and then that they went to His own country Galilee and states that they “received Him”, he is very careful to state the ____________ and unfavorable ____________ for which they received Him, which was that they had “seen all the things He did in Jerusalem”.

1. What a far cry it is to _____________ in Christ because of His ________, that He is the Messiah, the Savior of the world, in contrast to “knowing” that He is a teacher sent from God because one _________ Him work signs and ____________.

2. As the Zondervan Study Bible notes say, “The welcome of the Galileans _____________ was a kind of _____________, for they were interested only in His miracles. They were not welcoming the Messiah who could save them, but only a miracle-worker who could amaze them.”

C. ____________ (in a Biblical manner of speaking), was the Shepherd who would leave the ninety and nine (Samaritans) who were safely in the fold to ____________ that _______ (royal official) who was not yet in the fold to Himself.
II. In Cana of Galilee, a certain royal official ___________ ______ _________.

A. With his son at the point of death, the official ________________ himself to the degree of ________________ with Jesus to go down to Capernaum to heal his son.

B. Jesus ________________ the official (and the Galileans) for their ________________! Hear and understand, the man and his household needed to be saved from their sin more than the boy needed to be healed from his sickness. In love Jesus rebuked the sick boy’s father that he might __________ the more pressing problem of his ________!

1. The official ________________ himself to the Lord’s rebuke showing the Lord _____________ and recognizing His authority.

2. At the official’s positive response, ________________ ________________ the boy!

3. When Jesus ________________ the official to go his way, he did not argue with the Lord nor did he insist that Jesus come down to Capernaum as he had been doing, but believing the word that Jesus spoke, the official ________________ the Lord’s command and “started off”!

C. As the official obediently went his way, his slaves met him to tell that his _____ was ________________.

1. Knowing that his son was healed by Jesus, the official along with his entire household, placed their ________________ ______ ________________.

Conclusion: And so, upon hearing the Word of God this day, _____ are left ________________ an excuse! Someone will say, “But if He will just show me a sign, then I will believe!” But if you will not believe Him at His Word, that He is the Christ, then you will not believe what His signs reveal. And beyond that, He has given us many signs as recorded in the Holy Scripture. Again, we are without ________________.

Will you believe His Word to be the very true words of God? Will you set aside all unbelief - all unbelief that demands a sign or wonder, and receive the truth of this book believing that Jesus is the Savior of the world? "______________ in the Lord Jesus, and you shall be saved, you and your household." "And there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men, by which _____ ___________ ___ ________________.” (Acts 16:31 & 4:12)