

John #24

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"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)

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