

# GREATER THAN SIGNS

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John 4:43-54

## Tags

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## Introduction

The Cana cycle began with a wedding celebration and concludes with a conversation about suffering. As Jesus returns, he is welcomed by a crowd fascinated with the signs he performed in Jerusalem during the feast. They are more interested in what Jesus can do than who he is. Taking Jesus at his word is GREATER THAN SIGNS.

Meanwhile, a desperate father learns that Jesus has returned so he goes to find Jesus. This father is not concerned about the dignity of his office or reputation; his son is about to die and he needs help. People come to Jesus for many reasons, but those who would be saved must take Jesus at his word. Saving faith believes Jesus and keeps believing.

## Outline

People welcome Jesus for the wrong reasons (v. 45).

Everybody has struggles and everybody needs Jesus (v. 46).

Saving faith comes to Jesus and believes his word (v. 50).

Faith is not a decision, it is a gift that produces a growing dependence and increasing obedience (v. 52).

Jesus can give peace and rest in chaos (v. 52).

A brand new disciple can make a BIG impact (v. 53).

Saving faith believes and keeps believing (v. 53).

## Application

There are three kinds of people:

1. Those who reject Jesus.
2. Those who welcome Jesus for selfish reasons.

3. Those who humbly seek his grace.

**Which one are you?**

**Is your faith growing?**

**Who needs to hear about Jesus from you?**

### **Questions**

1. What are some of the wrong reasons people come to Jesus?
2. Why do you think people are so fascinated with miracles? Do you believe miracles still occur today? Why or why not?
3. Share a time when desperation drove you to Jesus? What did you learn about Jesus during that season?
4. How are faith and the word connected (Romans 10:17)?
5. Where are you currently struggling to take Jesus at his word?
6. How does faith grow? Is your faith growing right now? Why or why not?
7. Who needs to hear about Jesus from you?