

# **Sunday School Lesson**

**July 10, 2022**

**The Word Heals**

**John 4:46-54**

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## **Question for Us Today**

**What do you think of the following statement?**

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**Miracles are not just history. They are current events.**

# Sunday School Lesson Objectives

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- 1. To learn more about the Apostle John, whom Jesus loved so much.**
- 2. To understand the second miracle which Jesus performed in His earthly ministry.**
- 3. To understand that Jesus is far more than a mere miracle worker.**

# **Sunday School Lesson Segments**

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**1. John: Points of Information**

**2. Lesson Context**

**3. Lesson Text**

## **Points of Information – John, the Apostle**

**Throughout the Gospel he wrote, John refers to himself almost exclusively in the 3<sup>rd</sup> person – usually as “the one whom Jesus loved.” John writes with the distance of humility.**

## **Points of Information – John, the Apostle**

**Along with his brother (James), John was called from an occupation of fishing to be a Disciple of Christ Jesus. Matthew 4:21-22**

**Jesus later called these two brothers the “Sons of Thunder.”  
Mark 3:17**

## **Points of Information – John, the Apostle**

**Along with his brother (James) and Peter, John was a member of Jesus's inner circle of Disciples. These three men accompanied Christ Jesus to the Mount of Transfiguration, to the home of Jairus (to heal his daughter) and into the Garden of Gethsemane where Our Savior prayed.**



## **Points of Information – John, the Apostle**

**John was the only one of the Twelve Disciples present at the Crucifixion. There, at the Cross, Jesus entrusted the care of His mother (Mary) to John.**

**John 19:26-27**



## **Points of Information – John, the Apostle**

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**Following his exile to the island of Patmos, John wrote the Book of Revelation.**

**Revelation 1:9**

## **Points of Information – John, the Apostle**

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**The three Biblical Epistles of John were written in his elder years. In these letters, he frequently refers to his audience as his “children.”**

# The Gospel According to John Contains 7 “I Am” Statements

1. “I am the Bread of Life.” John 6:35, 48, 51
2. “I am the Light of the World.” John 8:1
3. “I am the Door of the Sheep.” John 10:7
4. “I am the Resurrection and the Life.” John 11:25
5. “I am the Good Shepherd.” John 10:11, 14
6. “I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.” John 14:6
7. “I am the True Vine.” John 15:1

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**This statement also reaffirms the deity of Jesus by echoing what God told Moses in Exodus 3:14: “I Am that I Am.”**

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## Context

**In this week's Chapter (4), Jesus has just encountered the Samaritan woman at the well. He told her of the "living water" He provides and declared that He is the Messiah.**

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**Now, as Jesus has returned to Cana, a government official begs the Savior to heal his dying son.**

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- 1. Flawed Believing Faith: Verses 46-47.**
- 2. The Challenge of Faith: Verse 48.**



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- 3. Dismantling Earthly Expectation: Verses 49-51.**
- 4. The Healing Word of Jesus: Verses 52-54.**

## **John 4:46 (NLT)**

**As He traveled through Galilee, He came to Cana, where He had turned the water into wine. There was a government official in nearby Capernaum whose son was very sick.**

## **John 4:47**

**When he heard that Jesus had come from Judea to Galilee, he went and begged Jesus to come to Capernaum to heal his son, who was about to die.**

## **John 4:48-49**

**Jesus asked “Will you never believe in me unless you see miraculous signs and wonders?”**

**The official pleaded, “Lord, please come now before my little boy dies.”**

## John 4:50

**Then Jesus told him, “Go back home. Your son will live!” And the man believed what Jesus said and started home.**

## John 4:51-52

**While the man was on his way, some of his servants met him with the news that his son was alive and well.**

**He asked them when the boy had begun to get better, and they replied, “Yesterday afternoon at one o’clock his fever suddenly disappeared!”**

## **John 4:53**

**Then the father realized that that was the very time Jesus had told him, “Your son will live.” And he and his entire household believed in Jesus.**



## **John 4:54**

**This was the second miraculous sign Jesus did in Galilee after coming from Judea.**

Remember this:

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HISTORY.**

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