

“Mustard Seed Faith”

John 4:43-54

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The theme of John’s Gospel is about true “faith” or “believing” the right things about Jesus. True faith in Christ leads to salvation. Counterfeit faith deceives and leads astray. Today we learn of a man who had true faith that began small...like a mustard seed.

1. The Multitudes often had a carnal faith in Jesus in light of their superficial thinking. (4:43-45, 48)
“unless you people see signs and wonders, you simply will not believe” (4:48)
2. The Nobleman began with a crisis faith in Jesus in light of his desperate need. (4:46-47)
“he...implored Him to come down and heal his son” (4:47, NKJ)
3. The Nobleman developed confident faith in Jesus because of the power of Jesus’ Word. (4:48-50)
“the man believed the word that Jesus spoke to him” (4:50)
4. The Nobleman had a confirmed faith in light of the truth of Jesus’ Word. (4:51-53a)
“he himself believed” (4:53)
5. The Nobleman spread a contagious faith that influenced others around him. (4:53b-54)
“his whole household [believed]” (4:53b)