



# The Gospel According to John

## Lesson 11: [John 4:43-54](#)

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1. Preparation: Read [Hebrews 11:1-3](#). Pray. Write out and then memorize [John 4:42](#).
  
2. Study: [John 4:43-54](#). Read [Kostenberger, \*Encountering John\*](#), Chapter 6, pages 75-76.
  - a. **Observation:** What do the Scripture passages say?
    - (1) **Where** was Jesus at the beginning of this Scripture passage? ([John 4:1-6](#)) [\[MAP\]](#)
  
    - (2) **Where** did Jesus go next? [\[MAP\]](#)
  
    - (3) **Who** came to see Jesus? **Why?**
  
    - (4) **Who** did this person probably work for? ([Luke 3:1-2](#))
  
    - (5) What race or ethnic group did this person probably belong to?
  
    - (6) **How** did Jesus respond to the man's request? **Why?** ([1 Corinthians 1:22-24](#))
  
    - (7) **How** did the man respond to Jesus' first response?
  
    - (8) **How** did the man respond to Jesus' second response?
  
    - (9) **When** (what time) is "the seventh hour" in verse 52?
  
    - (10) **How** did the man respond when he got home?
  
  - b. **Interpretation:** What does the Scripture passage mean?
    - (1) What do the words, "come down" and "going down," mean in verses 47 and 51?
  
    - (2) The official thought Jesus could heal his sick and dying son, but he mistakenly thought there were two necessary conditions (limitations). What were they?

(3) Some people today think that sick people who believe (have faith) they will get better, have a better chance of getting better (healing) than those who aren't sure or don't believe they will get better; the stronger a person's faith, the more likely and the more quickly the person will get well. In this Scripture passage, how strong was the sick boy's faith? What role did the boy's faith have in his being healed? Consider the sequence (timing) of when the boy was healed and when he came to believe in the power of Jesus ([John 4:53](#)).

(4) Some people today think the laying on of hands ("healing touch") heals people. Some people today think Jesus' laying hands on people and their faith that they would get well is what caused them to get well. What do we learn from this Scripture passage about this belief?

(5) Read Acts 1:8. Notice the geographical locations Jesus mentions. Notice the order in which Jesus mentions them. Read [John 2:13](#), [3:1-15](#), [4:3-4](#), and [4:46](#). Do you see any possible parallels?

(6) What do you learn about Jesus from this Scripture passage?

(7) How does this help you understand who Jesus is?

c. **Application:** How will you apply this Scripture passage in your life?

(8) Some say, "Seeing is believing!" Do you usually have to see something to believe it?

(9) Jesus wanted the official to have faith in Him that went beyond having Jesus physically present to heal his son and seeing his son healed with his own eyes. How has God challenged you to have a deeper faith in Him? Share your story.

(10) Sometimes God develops our faith by making us wait for an answer to a prayer. Have you ever experienced this? Share your story.

3. Write out [John 4:42](#) from memory.

4. Read [Hebrews 11:4-38](#). Conclude your study time with prayer. Thank God for always being faithful. Ask God to strengthen your faith.