

April Memory Verse: "19 And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil. 20 For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed. 21 But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his works have been carried out in God." John 3:19–21 (ESV)

Series: Jesus Is (16) Title: The Proclamation Scripture: John 4:46-54

- 1. Suffering in this life is inevitable, but is there a purpose? (vs. 46-49)
 - a. All people will experience suffering in this life. (Matthew 5:44)
 - b. Why does Jesus never promise to take all our physical suffering away?
 - i. FOR OUR GOOD Romans 8:28
 - ii. FOR HIS GLORY Romans 5:3-5
- 2. Jesus has the right to proclaim miracles. (v. 50)
 - a. The official believed in the Words of Jesus.
 - b. Jesus can proclaim miracles because He is the King over all creation.
 - c. We get out of order when we attempt to make our own proclamations instead of allowing our faith to rest on the Word of God.
- 3. Miracles happen, but where are they today? (vs. 51-54)
 - a. We must avoid the ditches on either side of the road.
 - i. Seeing everything is a miracle.
 - ii. Seeing nothing is a miracle.
 - b. Most miracles today go unseen or ignored.
 - God has accomplished the greatest miracle of all, which is bringing sinners from darkness to light and turning them into new creations. (2 Corinthians 5:17, Romans 10:9-10)
 - d. Miracles will not replace suffering in this life.

