

# Jesus Speaks and It Happens

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John records two miracles back to back in John 4:46 – 5:18. In both situations, Jesus speaks into being that which does not exist. With the Roman official, He speaks and the son is immediately healed. With the invalid of 38 years, He speaks and the man is healed at once. Only God has the authority to bring life out of death and healing out of infirmity. Only God can cause things to happen with a word. Therefore, Jesus is God, and we should listen to Him.

## **I. Jesus speaks life out of death – Read John 4:43-54 and answer the following questions**

- A. What things distinguish the Samaritans reception of Jesus from the Galilean reception of Jesus?
- B. How did Jesus respond to the Galileans (v.48)? Why do you think He was so severe?
- C. What details about the miracle are helpful in convincing you that Jesus is the Messiah?
- D. What in this passage indicates that the Roman official's faith is true?

## **II. Application Questions**

- A. How would you like to see yourself grow in responding to Jesus' word?
- B. In what area of life would you like to share as quickly about Jesus as the official with his family?

## **III. Jesus speaks healing out of infirmity – Read John 5:1-18 and answer the following questions**

- A. What contextual information given in verses 1-3 is helpful in setting up the miraculous healing?
- B. What details about the miracle drive home the fact that Jesus is the Messiah?
- D. What is it about the man's response that highlights his dullness about Jesus?
- E. What are your impressions of the Jews regarding their focus on the Sabbath violation?
- F. How does Jesus' statement in John 5:17 profoundly explain His working on the Sabbath.

## **IV. Application Questions**

- A. In what ways are you dull to who Jesus is and the work He's offering to do in your life?
- B. In what ways are you seeking to justify yourself rather than resting in Jesus' finished work?