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Welcome to Jesus Time where we spend time with Jesus in His time and culture.

Today Jesus once again returns to the village of Cana as Christ departs Samaria & returns to Galilee.

✠ When he arrived in Galilee, the Galileans welcomed him. They had seen all that he had done in Jerusalem at the Passover Festival, for they also had been there.

(Jesus opposed the Pharisee's, overturned their corrupt money tables, and performed super natural miracles.)

⁴⁶ Once more he visited Cana in Galilee, where he had turned the water into wine. And there was a certain royal official whose son lay sick at Capernaum. ⁴⁷ When this man heard that Jesus had arrived in Galilee from Judea, he went to him and begged him to come and heal his son, who was close to death.

John 4:45-47 NIV

After Passover and including each Jesus's stops with John the Baptist and the Samaritan Lady at Jacobs Well, this would place our Lord's arrival back into Galilee in the early summer around mid June.

At this point a pattern is beginning to emerge; this being of our Revelator- John the Apostle, whom has obviously composed his Gospel not only much later in his life, as compared to his Synoptic author contemporaries- But also:

John is not just filling in any of the gaps that he realizes are missing from Jesus's Ministry time line, but rather he is deliberately detailing the Spiritual teachings of Christ, which can be easily overlooked or even omitted from the other Gospels in order that they could more quickly get to the action dialogs of Jesus's confrontations with "The" super Jews as John tends to call them- these being the pious religious elite of Israel in Jesus Time, & likewise unto the telling of our Lords supernatural miracles of healing.

Guess not much has changed because still today we all want more action & less words.

However John understood these Words of Christ are for us the very words of Life.

Because here upon Earth below, we do have to know- exactly what; Jesus wants us to receive & believe. So, John now much older and wiser slows it all down for us & gives to us our Lords Spiritual narratives.

Yes, its true. Because of the recent Passover in Jerusalem and the spreading of the tale of Jesus turning the water into wine; the fame of the of Jesus name, travels before He all over within Galilee.

Jesus's lineage and His humble beginnings in Nazareth- has made Jesus a local regional hero.

Enough so that when a son of one of Herod Antipas's officers lays sick & near death, in desperation the regal boys father literally begs this poor traveling prophet from Nazareth to please come & heal my son.

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✠ Unless you people see signs and wonders," Jesus told him, "you will never believe."

⁴⁹ The royal official said, "Sir, come down before my child dies."

⁵⁰ "Go," Jesus replied, "your son will live."

John 4:48-50 NIV

If you listen closely here you can almost hear the disappointing annoyance within Jesus's voice.

Because no one in Israel have as of yet to accept- Jesus by His and GOD'S Word, as the vilified Samaritans had just done so from the testimony of the "Lady at the Well."

The Galileans had seen or at least heard of Jesus's miracles which they had by now accepted, but the miracles were meant for belief in Jesus as Messiah & not just to prove Christ as a miracle worker.

Get that? Jesus knows most in Israel will not accept and believe His message and requirements as the Messiah even after Christ our Lord heals this boy by supernatural miracle sight unseen from afar.

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✝ The man took Jesus at his word and departed. ⁵¹ While he was still on the way, his servants met him with the news that his boy was living. ⁵² When he inquired as to the time when his son got better, they said to him, “Yesterday, at one in the afternoon, the fever left him.” ⁵³ Then the father realized that this was the exact time at which Jesus had said to him, “Your son will live.” So he and his whole household believed. ⁵⁴ This was the second sign Jesus performed after coming from Judea to Galilee. (first was water to wine prior occasion) John 4:50-54 NIV

The nobleman did believe enough to accept Jesus at His Word and as such this man's Faith was rewarded. Not only that; the scriptures do likewise record here that the father of the now healed son did realize that his son was healed by Christ at the exact moment that Jesus said it would be so.

For the record it was one in the afternoon, this was actually the 7th hour in Jesus Time.

The Lord restored the boy to health on the number of hour that corresponds with GOD'S number of 7.

The number 7 in Biblical numerology meaning numbers have additional deeper meaning in each Hebrew & Greek. GOD'S number of 7- is always representative of perfect Spiritual completeness.

Get that? The Jews keep demanding signs from Christ Messiah, so He performs for them a Spiritual supernatural miracle from afar exactly on the 7th hour for those who should have noticed such things.

This was of course the second Miraculous sign that Jesus performed proving Himself to be the Messiah. This is Why? Indeed Christ Jesus said “unless you people” meaning Jewish of course, but even more specifically within the Lord's home district of Galilee, that they would not believe in Him as their Savior unless they see and perceive literally unexplainable undeniable supernatural signs and wonders by Him.

The Nobleman desperate in his need humbled himself and had asked Jesus for His help, and then he took the Lord at His Word. For this he was rewarded before he even returned to his home.

We too can also receive our Spiritual reward before we return to our forever Heavenly home.

Just by placing our Faith in Jesus and taking him at His Word- we do this when we believe and receive eternal life in and by Jesus as our Christ.

✝ No one can please God without faith, for whoever comes to God must have faith that God exists and rewards those who seek him. Hebrews 11:6 GNT

Now let us conclude this lesson here though it be short- it is complete.

All too often teachers or even preachers, books or entertainment do not know when to quit.

The Gospel of John has finely and in finite manner fully explained this event of the Ministry and Life of Jesus our Christ, & that my dear reading friends is good enough for us! Amen.