

## Things to note:

- I. Jesus contemplates unbelief – vss. 43-45
  - A. Jesus was going to where He had not yet had honor
- II. Jesus confronts unbelief – vss. 46-49
  - A. Jesus chided the official's unbelief in needing a miraculous sign in order to trust in Christ
  - B. One of the deepest signs of unbelief is we have a constant need for Jesus to “perform” or “prove” Himself to us
  - C. Matthew 12:39; 16:4; Luke 11:29 – wicked people seek “signs”. “Sign-seeking” is a sign of spiritual adultery – unfaithfulness to God
  - D. Jesus never gave signs on demand – Matthew 27:40
  - E. Don't seek Christ just for “signs” – John 2:23-25
  - F. Miracles cannot compel genuine faith
- III. Jesus conquers unbelief – vss. 50-54
  - A. Jesus revealed His marvelous graciousness in spite of such a faithless demand for miracles
  - B. His urgent prayer for help win's the Master's healing powers. The man accepts Jesus' word and departs, thus demonstrating that he, unlike most Galileans, is not simply interested in signs and wonders – Carson
  - C. To believe in Jesus is to believe in His word(s)
  - D. Both he and his household believed, which was indicative of conversions in the book of Acts – Acts 10:2; 11:14; 16:15, 31; 18:8