Sermon notes: January 29, 2023

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| **Singing In The Mud**  Passage: John 4:31-54 |  |

**31**Meanwhile his disciples urged him, “Rabbi, eat something.” **32**But he said to them, “I have food to eat that you know nothing about.” **33**Then his disciples said to each other, “Could someone have brought him food?” **34**“My food,” said Jesus, “is to do the will of him who sent me and to finish his work. **35**Don’t you have a saying, ‘It’s still four months until harvest’? I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest. **36**Even now the one who reaps draws a wage and harvests a crop for eternal life, so that the sower and the reaper may be glad together. **37**Thus the saying ‘One sows and another reaps’ is true. **38**I sent you to reap what you have not worked for. Others have done the hard work, and you have reaped the benefits of their labor.”

### Many Samaritans Believe

**39**Many of the Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, “He told me everything I ever did.” **40**So when the Samaritans came to him, they urged him to stay with them, and he stayed two days. **41**And because of his words many more became believers. **42**They said to the woman, “We no longer believe just because of what you said; now we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this man really is the Savior of the world.”

### Jesus Heals an Official’s Son

**43**After the two days he left for Galilee. **44**(Now Jesus himself had pointed out that a prophet has no honor in his own country.) **45**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. **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. **48**“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.” 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.

**Jesus Had A Healthy Diet**

**John 5:30 30**By myself I can do nothing; I judge only as I hear, and my judgment is just, for I seek not to please myself but him who sent me.

**John 8:38-39 38**I am telling you what I have seen in the Father’s presence, and you are doing what you have heard from your father.” **39**“Abraham is our father,” they answered. “If you were Abraham’s children,” said Jesus, “then you would[[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=John+5%3A30%3B+John+8%3A38-39%3B+Matthew+26%3A39&version=NIV#fen-NIV-26421b)] do what Abraham did.

**Matthew 26:39 39**Going a little farther, he fell with his face to the ground and prayed, “My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will.”

**The Fields Were Ripe**

**The Dad Believed**

**Implications**

**Matthew 14:13-14 13**When Jesus heard what had happened, he withdrew by boat privately to a solitary place. Hearing of this, the crowds followed him on foot from the towns. **14**When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them and healed their sick.

**Mark 3:21-22, 33-34 21**When his family[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew+14%3A13-14%3B+Mark+3%3A21-22%2C+33-34&version=NIV#fen-NIV-24310a)] heard about this, they went to take charge of him, for they said, “He is out of his mind.” **22**And the teachers of the law who came down from Jerusalem said, “He is possessed by Beelzebul! By the prince of demons he is driving out demons.”

**33**“Who are my mother and my brothers?” he asked. **34**Then he looked at those seated in a circle around him and said, “Here are my mother and my brothers!