

We will begin our 4<sup>th</sup> lecture on the book of John. /Today's message is from John 4:43.

/Verses 43-44. Let us read. /After the two days he departed for Galilee. (For Jesus himself had testified that a prophet has no honor in his own hometown.)

/Previously, Jesus spread the gospel in Samaria. /Now, he is going up to Galilee. /Jesus arrived at Capernaum in Galilee, his hometown.

/However, Jesus said that a prophet has no honor in his own hometown. /Prophets are not treated well in their hometowns. /Jesus himself was not welcomed in his hometown.  
/Luke 4:24 /Matthew 13:57

/Why aren't prophets welcomed in their hometowns? /The reason is the people know too much about the prophet's outwardly and physical characteristics. /They know who the prophet's parents are. /They know the prophet's brothers. /Because people evaluate the prophets from the outside, prophets are not welcomed in their hometowns.

/Verse 45. /So when he came to Galilee, the Galileans welcomed him, having seen all that he had done in Jerusalem at the feast. For they too had gone to the feast.

/However, some people did welcome and receive Jesus. /They were people who had gone up to Jerusalem and seen what Jesus did.

/By seeing the works of Jesus, the people came to know who Jesus was. /Then, they accepted Jesus. /As we can see here, not everyone rejects Jesus. /There are those who welcome the gospel into their lives.

/Verses 46-47. /So he came again to Cana in Galilee, where he had made the water wine. And at Capernaum there was an official whose son was ill. When this man heard that Jesus had come from Judea to Galilee, he went to him and asked him to come down and heal his son, for he was at the point of death.

/The king's official's son is ill. /The king's official begged Jesus to heal his son. /The king here is Herod Antipas, the son of Herod the Great. /Acts 13:1

/The king's official was living in Capernaum. /Capernaum is located 32 kilometers from Cana. /He pleaded with Jesus to heal his son.

/Verse 48. /So Jesus said to him, "Unless you see signs and wonders you will not believe."

/Jesus said that unless they see signs and wonders, they will not believe. /People only tend to believe when they see with their physical eyes. /This is not good faith. /Blessed are those who believe even when they do not see. /Blessed is the one who believes in Jesus.

/Verse 49. /The official said to him, “Sir, come down before my child dies.”

/The official pleaded with Jesus about his son. /A king’s official was a respectable position in society at the time. /However, this official did not judge Jesus based on his appearance.

/He was humble before God. /He begged Jesus for mercy. /When the official asked Jesus to heal his son, Jesus replied, “Your son will live.”

/The king’s official heard this and went back to his home. /He had great faith. /Upon hearing Jesus’s words, the official believed his son would be healed. /He believed that Jesus is the all-powerful Lord.

/When the official went home, his servants met him. /They brought the news that his son had been healed.

/Verse 52. /So he asked them the hour when he began to get better, and they said to him, “Yesterday at the seventh hour the fever left him.”

/The official asked his servants about the hour when his son began to heal. /They said that the fever left at the seventh hour. /This was precisely the time when Jesus told the official that his son was healed.

/Although Jesus was far away from the son, Jesus healed him. /Through all of this, the official and his entire household came to believe in Jesus. /This is the second miracle Jesus performed after coming to Galilee.

/The first miracle was the turning of water into wine in Cana. /2:1-11 /We also must be humble like the official. /We need to believe in Jesus’s power and beg him. /Jesus is the Son of God. /He may have physically been far away from the official’s son, but he was able to heal him with his power.

/We will continue with John 5. /The title of the chapter is, “The man who was sick for 38 years.” /I will give you the main points of the chapter. /First, Jesus heals the man who had been sick for 38 years. /Verses 1-9. /Second, the walk of faith taken by the man who is healed. /Verses 10-18.

/Third, in Christ is eternal life and the right to judge. /Verses 19-30. /Fourth, bearing witness about Christ. /Verses 31-39. /Fifth, the reason why people do not accept Christ. /Verses 40-47.

/Verse 1. Let us read. /After this there was a feast of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

/The feast here is the Feast of Tabernacles. /Jesus went up to Jerusalem during the Feast of Tabernacles.

/Verse 2. /Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate a pool, in Aramaic called Bethesda, which has five roofed colonnades.

/Verses 3-4. /In these lay a multitude of invalids—blind, lame, and paralyzed. One man was there who had been an invalid for thirty-eight years.

/Next to the Sheep Gate in Jerusalem, there is a pool called Bethesda. /This Sheep Gate lies to the Northeast of Jerusalem. /It is believed that there was a sheep market at this place. /Now, it is called Stephen's Gate.

/ "Bethesda" means "House of Mercy." /At this place was a pond. /It is said that the pond water was sometimes stirred up. /Legend has it that whoever first entered the pond when the water stirred up, this person was healed of his sickness.

/It was probably like a hot spring. /The legend exists, but I don't think every sickness was healed. /Bethesda had five colonnades. /Patients would lie in a line beneath the colonnades. /Here, there was a man who was sick for 38 years.

/He was sick for a very long time. /No doctor could heal him. /No kind of drug had any effect on his illness. /This symbolizes lives that dwell in sin. /Ephesians 5:8

/The spirits of many are dying because of sin. /Ephesians 2:1 /Jesus went to this man who was sick for 38 years. /There were many patients lying there. /Jesus went to the most severely sick person out of all the patients.

/Jesus found this miserable person. /Jesus is abundant in love. /He came to call sinners to him. /We must have sympathy for those in the church who are in difficult situations, preaching the gospel to them and healing them.

/Verse 6. /When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had already been there a long time, he said to him, "Do you want to be healed?"

/Jesus saw the man lying there and knew that he had been sick for a long time. /Jesus knows all about our circumstances and our conditions. /He knows about our spiritual state and our faith's condition.

/Hence Jesus knows about our spirit's sickness, our blindness, and our lameness. /In Revelation 3:1, Jesus knows about the church in Sardis. /Psalm 139:1 /Hebrews 4:12 /In this way, Jesus knows our every circumstance.

/Jesus asks this sick man, "Do you want to be healed?" /He wants the man to have an earnest desire to be healed. /Jesus wants the man to put his hope in Jesus. /Don't just look at the pond, but look to Jesus.

/Doctors could not heal the man. /No medicine could heal the man. /The hot spring could not, for 38 years, heal the man. /Jesus can save us from fatal sicknesses. /James 5:16  
/Psalm 39:7

/Verse 7. /The sick man answered him, “Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up, and while I am going another steps down before me.”

/The sick man should have responded to Jesus by saying, “Yes, I wish to be healed.”  
/However, he said, “I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up.” /  
He said, “While I am going another steps down before me.”

/The man was disappointed and resentful. /He was still clinging to the ways of the world. /We need to abandon thoughts of resenting others and being disappointed. /We need to put our hope in Jesus. /1 Timothy 6:17

/We must now abandon the ways of the world. /We must apply the ways of the Lord. /We must go to Jesus. /Jesus is the only one who can give us true love, grace, and salvation.  
/Psalm 118:8

/The lighter patients rushed into the pond before the others did. /What did I say the name of the pond was? /It is Bethesda. /The House of Mercy. /It has a good sign to it. /It is the House of Mercy.

/But once you enter this pond, it was a world in which people, the weak and the strong, brutally competed with each other. /In this world, it was an intense competition for survival. /A world without mercy. /There is no utopia or paradise in this world.

/Only our Jesus can heal us and give us life. /We must now look to Jesus alone. /We need to put our hope in the Lord. /Then, he will heal us with his power, and he will save us.

/Verse 8. /Jesus said to him, “Get up, take up your bed, and walk.”

/When Jesus told the man to get up and walk, the man said, “Yes,” and he stood up.  
/There is nothing the Lord cannot do. /The word of the Lord is all-powerful. /This man believed in the power of the word of Jesus, and he obeyed and stood up.

/Our faith stems from hearing the word. /Romans 10:17 /Peter also healed a lame man.  
/Acts 3:6 /Exodus 15:26 /Jesus emits a ray of healing. /Malachi 4:2

/Jesus told the man to take his bed and walk. /He wants the man to quit his act of being a sick man. /We must get rid of our businesses or workplaces that cause us to sin. /We must cleanse our environments that cause us to sin.

/We must abandon the environments that cause us to sin. /This man obeyed and immediately stood up. /He rose from the bed on which he lied for 38 years.

/Verse 9 tells us that the day was the Sabbath. /Doing good deeds on the Sabbath is a good thing. /Today, we too must remember the Sabbath. /We must do deeds of faith, and we must do good deeds.

/Verse 10. /So the Jews said to the man who had been healed, “It is the Sabbath, and it is not lawful for you to take up your bed.”

/The Jews despised the fact that Jesus healed the man on the Sabbath. /However, it is good to do good deeds and to do deeds of faith. /The man who was sick for 38 years told his testimony. / “The man who healed me, that man said to me, ‘Take up your bed, and walk.’” /The man still did not know Jesus’s name.

/Verse 13. /Now the man who had been healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had withdrawn, as there was a crowd in the place.

/People were talking about this healing, and the place became crowded. /Jesus withdrew from the place. /Matthew 6:6

/Verse 14. /Afterward Jesus found him in the temple and said to him, “See, you are well! Sin no more, that nothing worse may happen to you.”

/The man who was healed entered the temple. /He had a faith of worshiping and serving God. /He lived the temple life. /The man repented of his sins, encountered God, and developed a worshiping faith.

/In verse 14, the man met Jesus in the temple. /He came to understand who Jesus is. /Jesus said to this man, “Sin no more, that nothing worse may happen to you.”

/The man was sick for 38 years because of his sin. /Of course, there are multiple causes of sickness. /People may become sick because they sinned, /people may become sick for the glory of God, /or like Paul, people may become sick because they are given a thorn in their flesh.

/We may become sick because of the devil, /or we may become sick because we go against the laws of nature. /If we continue to eat unhealthy food, we naturally become sick.

/There are many causes of sickness. /If we happen to become sick because of our sins, we must repent. /Then, God will heal us. /James 5:16

/Verse 15. /The man went away and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had healed him.

/The man who was healed told people that Jesus had healed him. /He knew exactly who Jesus was. /The important thing here is that the man bore witness to Jesus, the one who saved him.

/After we are saved, we must preach the news about Jesus. /We must evangelize after we receive grace. /If we do not do this, woe will be upon us. /1 Corinthians 9:16

/Verse 16. /And this was why the Jews were persecuting Jesus, because he was doing these things on the Sabbath.

/The Jews persecuted Jesus because he had done these things on the Sabbath.

/Verse 17. /But Jesus answered them, “My Father is working until now, and I am working.”

/Jesus was doing the work of God the Father. /Jesus obeyed and did what his Father had told him to do. /We too must follow after Jesus and continue to do deeds of faith even in the midst of trouble and persecution.

/We must continue to evangelize. /The Jews were trying to kill Jesus. /Why were they trying to kill him? /They claimed that Jesus was not keeping the Sabbath. /Jesus said that God is his own Father.

/It is a good thing that we do good deeds on the Sabbath. /Jesus is also equal with God. /Jesus is God’s Son.

/Verse 19. /So Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of his own accord, but only what he sees the Father doing. For whatever the Father does, that the Son does likewise.

/Jesus did only what his Father did. /Jesus did not act on his own accord. /He obeyed God’s commands. /He completely obeyed God his Father.

/Verse 20. /For the Father loves the Son and shows him all that he himself is doing. And greater works than these will he show him, so that you may marvel.

/Because God loves the Son, he shows him all that he is doing. /Now, he will show him great works. /Here, “greater works” refers to judgment and resurrection that is mentioned in verses 21-29.

/Verse 21. /For as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, so also the Son gives life to whom he will.

/The Father raises the dead. /Jesus also raises the dead. /It means that he brings dead spirits to life. /Furthermore, the Father has given all judgment to the Son.

/Verse 23. /that all may honor the Son, just as they honor the Father. Whoever does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent him.

/Those who honor the Father honor the Son. /Those who do not honor the Son do not honor the Father. /God wants us to believe in Jesus and believe in the Father. /The one who honors Jesus honors God the Father.

/Verse 24. /Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life.

/Whoever believes in Jesus's word and believes in God the Father who sent Jesus has eternal life. /If we believe in Jesus, we will not be judged. /If we believe in Jesus, we will pass from death to life. /Romans 8:2

/We pass from death to life the moment we believe in Jesus. /Our spirits come alive the moment we believe in Jesus. /Thus our spirits have eternal life from the time we put our faith in Jesus.

/We have eternal life in heaven, after we die. /However, the moment we believe in Jesus, eternal life begins for us. /We have become citizens of heaven. /We have entered heaven and are sitting there.

/We have already received eternal life. /We will not be judged. /We will not be condemned before God the Judge. /Because we believe in Jesus, we will not be condemned.

/Verse 25. /“Truly, truly, I say to you, an hour is coming, and is now here, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live.

/The verse says, “An hour is coming, and is now here, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God.” /Here, “the dead” refers to those whose spirits are dead. /Ephesians 2:1 /Those whose spirits are dead come alive when they believe in Jesus.

/ “The voice of the Son of God” refers to Jesus's gospel of redemption. /Dead spirits come alive when they believe in Jesus Christ's gospel of redemption. /We come alive when we believe in the gospel. /Romans 1:16

/Verses 26-27. /For as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son also to have life in himself. And he has given him authority to execute judgment, because he is the Son of Man.

/The Father has life in himself. /He gave this life to his Son. /Through Jesus Christ, we have received eternal life. /This life has come from the Father and the Son. /God gave Jesus the authority to raise to life, and at the same time, he gave him the authority to execute judgment.

/Verses 28-29. /Do not marvel at this, for an hour is coming when all who are in the tombs will hear his voice and come out, those who have done good to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil to the resurrection of judgment.

/A time will come when all who are in the grave hear Jesus's voice. /This refers to the resurrection of those in the grave when Jesus returns. /People return to the dust when their bodies die. /People's bodies return to the dust. /And their spirits go to heaven.

/However, on the day Jesus returns, those who have returned to the dust will hear the voice of Jesus and come to life. /The bodies of all believers will be resurrected when Jesus returns. / "Those who have done good" will be resurrected to life.

/This does not mean that salvation is earned by doing good. /This is referring to those who believe in Jesus and do good. /1 Thessalonians 4:17 / "Those who have done evil" are those who do not believe but do evil. /Because of their sin, they will be judged.

/In verse 30, Jesus says he cannot do anything on his own. /Jesus did everything according to the will of God. /The Father gave to his Son the authority to execute judgment. /Jesus judged according to the Father's will, not his own. /Therefore Jesus's judgment is God's judgment. /They are equal.

/Verses 31-32. /If I alone bear witness about myself, my testimony is not true. There is another who bears witness about me, and I know that the testimony that he bears about me is true.

/A testimony is not true if someone bears witness about himself. /Jesus did not bear witness about himself, but someone else bore witness about Jesus. /The next verse tells us about the one who bore witness.

/However, even if Jesus did bear witness about himself, his testimony is true. /If anyone else bears witness about himself, it may not be true. /But because Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life, his testimony is true. /Then who bears witness about Jesus?

/Verse 33. /You sent to John, and he has borne witness to the truth.

/First, John the Baptist bore witness about Jesus. /He bore witness to the fact that Jesus is the Christ. /1:19-25 /1:26-27 /1:33-34 /10:41 /And Matthew 3:11 /John the Baptist made it clear that Jesus is the Christ.

/Verse 34. /Not that the testimony that I receive is from man, but I say these things so that you may be saved.

/John the Baptist bore witness about Christ. /But Jesus does not think that John the Baptist's testimony is important. /God simply allowed John the Baptist to bear witness in order for other people to be saved. /Jesus did not think highly of being recognized by man. /2:25

/Verse 35. /He was a burning and shining lamp, and you were willing to rejoice for a while in his light.



/John the Baptist was someone who bore witness about Jesus. /He is not the light. /1:7,8. /  
He is someone who guides people to Christ.

/Verse 36. /But the testimony that I have is greater than that of John. For the works that  
the Father has given me to accomplish, the very works that I am doing, bear witness  
about me that the Father has sent me.

/The second thing that is witness to Christ is Jesus's works. /They are the works Jesus  
accomplished. /2:9 /4:53 /11:44 /21:6 /Through the works of Jesus, we can know who  
Jesus is.

/Through these works, we know that Jesus is Savior. /Who are those who teach students  
at school? /They are teachers. /Who catches thieves and robbers? /Police officers do. /In  
this way, by seeing the things people do, we know who they are.

/Verse 37. /And the Father who sent me has himself borne witness about me. His voice  
you have never heard, his form you have never seen,

/The third witness to Jesus is God himself. /Matthew 3:16, 17 /God the Father bore  
witness to the fact that Jesus is his Son.

/Verse 39. /You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal  
life; and it is they that bear witness about me,

/The fourth witness to Jesus is the Bible. /Through the Old Testament, we can know who  
Jesus is. /Also, by reading the New Testament, we know who Jesus is. /2 Timothy 3:15,  
16 /Luke 24:27,44

/The Bible is the word of Jesus. /Reading the Bible means we are reading about Jesus. /If  
we believe in the Bible, we believe in Jesus. /Until now, we have studied several points. /  
We have seen the things that bear witness to the fact that Jesus is the Christ. /They are the  
reasons why we can believe that Jesus is our Savior.

/Verse 40. /yet you refuse to come to me that you may have life.

/Even still, some people do not believe in Jesus. /They try to receive glory on their own. /  
They do not love God.

/Verse 43. /I have come in my Father's name, and you do not receive me. If another  
comes in his own name, you will receive him.

/The Pharisees did not receive Jesus. /However, they followed false prophets. /This is  
because false prophets treat people with kindness, and they say that people will prosper. /  
Because false prophets receive glory and give glory to each other, they do not believe in  
Jesus.

/Verse 45. /Do not think that I will accuse you to the Father. There is one who accuses you: Moses, on whom you have set your hope.

/Jesus said that the one who accuses you is Moses. /This means that the Law of Moses will condemn them. /Romans 3:19 /If the Jews believed in Moses, they could believe in Jesus. /The reason is the Law of Moses bears witness about Christ. /Deuteronomy 18:15

/Verse 47. /But if you do not believe his writings, how will you believe my words?"

/Because the Jews did not believe Moses's writings, they could not believe Jesus's words. /Those who do not believe the Bible cannot believe in Jesus. /Jesus clearly showed people evidence that would allow them to believe in him. /Through the Bible and the Holy Spirit, we believe in Jesus.

/This concludes our 4<sup>th</sup> lecture on the book of John. /Thank you.