

Miracle Cure!

- Heat thermometer up; take someone's temperature - very high!!
- "Heal" them...!
- Having cooled thermometer, take their temperature again - amazing, OK!
- Explain hidden hot water bottle!
- Today we'll be exploring how Jesus healed one person for real:
- not just a trick!

How Jesus Helped

- Scoughall clouds parting story
 - God helped in our time of need... as we asked him

Why did the man believe in Jesus?

- Enter realm of speculation for a minute:
 - what did this royal official know of Jesus?
 - we don't know, really...
 - but when he heard that Jesus had arrived he went to him to beg him come and heal his son (v.47) - whatever he knew, it prompted him to come to Jesus for help
 - maybe he'd been in the crowd as Jesus taught?
 - maybe he'd been at the wedding in Cana as Jesus miraculously, and compassionately, provided wine from water?
 - unpicking the precise chronology of Jesus' ministry, and how John records it compared to how Mark or Matthew or Luke records it is tricky - had there been earlier healings? Or was truly the second miracle, the first healing?
 - or has he simply heard "the word on the street", the rumours and discussions about who Jesus is and what he can do?
- There was something about Jesus that drew this man on to ask for help
 - [what is it about Jesus that draws us on to ask him for help?](#)

Why did Jesus help the official?

- What kind of faith did Jesus see in this man?
 - the man recognised his need and believed the evidence about Jesus
 - he was persistent - he took the trouble to go to Jesus (v.46,47)
 - he wasn't put off by Jesus' questioning of him (v.48)
 - nor was he put off by Jesus' refusal to come to his home (v.50)
- Jesus' concern for this man was that he believe in him for who he is, and not for what he could get out of Jesus
 - and so he probes, pushes about the miracles...
 - asking "[are you just here for what you can get? Or do you trust me?](#)"
- [How has Jesus brought us to faith in him?](#)

What can we learn from this story?

- How can "listening in" this man's faith help us grow in our faith?
 - strands of persistence -
 - strands of trust -
 - strands of evidence on which to base our trust - Scripture, our experience, other's experience...
- [bring our needs to him](#)