*When The Messiah Comes To His Own… (John 4:43-54)*

1. Christ’s Return to Galilee is Met with a Dishonoring Welcome (vv.43-45)
   1. Jesus’ reason for returning (vv.43-44)
      1. The essence of their dishonor—unbelief (cf. 3:32)
      2. The expectation of dishonor (“A prophet does not have honor in his own hometown;” cf. Matt 13:57-14:1; Mark 6:1-5; Luke 4:23-27)
   2. The Galileans’ response to His return (v.45)
      1. Their hospitable action (“They welcomed Him…”)
      2. Their sinister motivation (“Because they saw the signs…;” cf. 2:23-25)
2. Christ’s Return to Cana is Met with a Mixed Reception (vv.46-54)
   1. The silence of the town is shocking (v.46a)
   2. The faith of the official progresses from false to real (vv.46b-54)
      1. His faith was like the crowd’s (vv.46b-47)
      2. Jesus rebukes unbelief and challenges faith (vv.48-50a)
      3. He responds with faith in Jesus’ Word (v.50b)
      4. His faith matures (vv.51-54)