

The background of the slide is a photograph of a cityscape. In the center, there is a large, white, domed building, likely a cathedral or a government building. To the left, a Ferris wheel is visible. The sky is blue with some light clouds. The overall scene is bright and clear.

Conversations with Jesus

A Journey through the
Gospel of John

WEEK 4



Read
John 4:39-42



After the two days, He departed for Galilee.
(For Jesus Himself had testified that a prophet has no honor in his own hometown.) 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.
John 4:43-45



Jesus was welcome to gallop into Galilee with His lame-walking, blind-seeing, water-into-wine powers.

They just preferred He leave His Messiah-proclaiming, Gentile-receiving, enemy-loving messages behind.

They welcomed Jesus' work, not His Word.



Read *Matthew 11:2-6*

And Jesus answered them,
“Go and tell John what you *hear* and see.”
Matthew 11:4



Signs are not meant to produce faith.
Signs are meant to increase faith.

Those who love what Jesus does, but not what Jesus says become offended when the message becomes uncomfortable.



Read
John 4:46-49



Who is Jesus?
Jesus is who He says He is.



Read
John 5:1-9



Jesus 3rd sign in the Book of John was not just to make a lame man arise and walk. Jesus' 3rd sign was to make a lame man arise, take up his pallet, and walk.



Believers in Jesus Christ are not people who
go to church.

Believers in Jesus Christ **are the church.**



Read
John 5:10-18



The Pharisees may not have been polluted by pagans, but they poisoned themselves by drinking in the power and praise that belonged to God alone. The Pharisees became entitled.



Who is Jesus? Jesus is the image of God because He is God.

And as His children, He calls us to be image bearers, too.



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.
Hebrews 4:12

Why do you think so many people are willing to welcome Jesus' work but not His Word?



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

2. Has there ever been a time in your life when you were looking for a sign, but God gave you a Word instead? What do you think was His reason for that and what was the result?



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3. When Jesus commanded the lame man to carry his mat, He knowingly disobeyed a Jewish law. It seems as though Jesus wanted the Jewish leaders to see and question the healed man. What do you think Jesus was trying to accomplish?



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

4. What is the opposite of entitled?

Read Philippians 2:5-11 and discuss if and how Jesus embodied any of the antonyms you named.



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

5. In what ways can entitlement present itself in Christians and in the church?

Ephesians 5:1 commands believers to be *imitators of Christ*. How can entitlement affect our ability to obey the command in that verse?