

**John – What does it mean to be a follower of Christ?**  
The Official: It's not about signs and wonders, it's all about Jesus

**Opening Prayer**

Welcome in the name of Christ  
*God's grace, mercy and peace be with you.*

**Reading**

**John 4:43-54**

**Jesus Heals an Official's Son**

<sup>43</sup> After the two days he left for Galilee. <sup>44</sup> (Now Jesus himself had pointed out that a prophet has no honor in his own country.) <sup>45</sup> 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.

<sup>46</sup> 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. <sup>47</sup> 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.

<sup>48</sup> "Unless you people see signs and wonders," Jesus told him, "you will never believe."

<sup>49</sup> The royal official said, "Sir, come down before my child dies."

<sup>50</sup> "Go," Jesus replied, "your son will live."

The man took Jesus at his word and departed. <sup>51</sup> While he was still on the way, his servants met him with the news that his boy was living. <sup>52</sup> 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."

<sup>53</sup> 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.

<sup>54</sup> This was the second sign Jesus performed after coming from Judea to Galilee.

This is the Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

**Focus Questions and Thoughts**

1. What is your experience of roller coasters? What are the good bits, and what are the not so good bits?
2. Using the picture of the roller coaster, think about where the high points in your life are where everything seems great, and where the difficult bits are. What is your experience of God in those places?
3. "In the difficult times we can either assume that God is either powerless, not to be trusted, or not real, and stop talking to him; or walk away and say 'I don't understand this, but I have nowhere else to go'"  
Either reflect on this together, or use this time as an opportunity to take your concerns to God in prayer.

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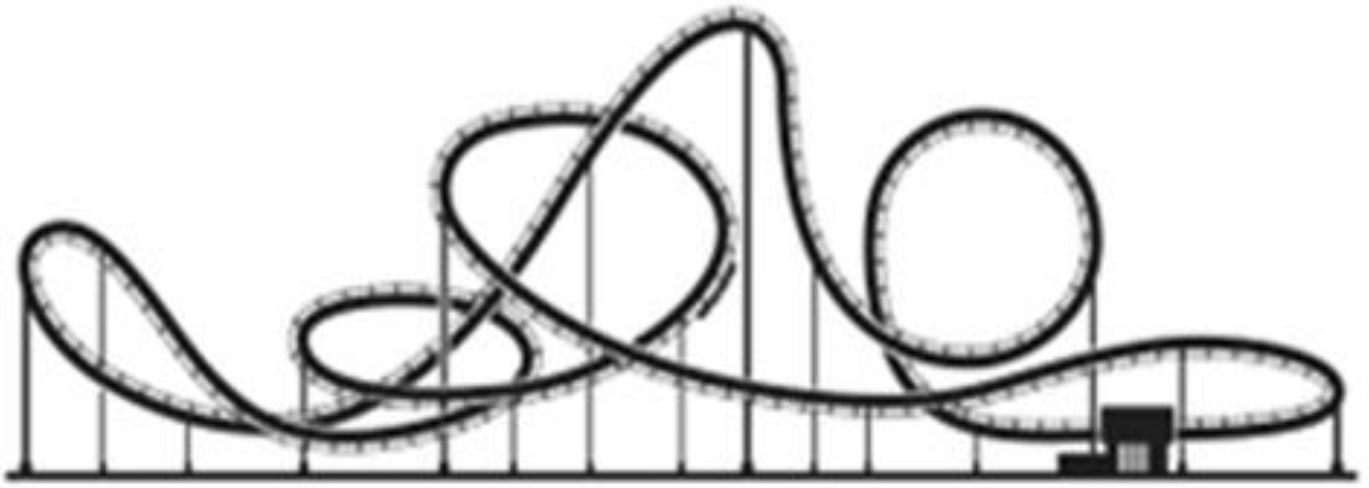
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***Please do be encouraged to mingle and discuss with others, or if you would rather, just take this time to reflect either at your table or in the prayer room.***



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