

Trust Jesus' Words!

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What is the nature of true faith?

1. True Faith welcomes Jesus for who he is

They were welcoming Jesus because of his miracles (signs)

Real honour would have been to listen to his words like God was speaking

2. True Faith doesn't live off miracles

A request from a man you dare not say no too.

Jesus' rebuke is to everyone: "Unless (you people) see signs and wonders (you people) will not believe."

Both the Official and the Crowd were treating Jesus as less than he is.

When do we treat Jesus as less than he is? Prayer, Blessing, Church

3. True Faith believes Jesus' life-giving words

The official hangs everything on Jesus' words. If he's wrong about Jesus, the consequence will be disastrous.

Jesus' words truly are life giving. That means Whoever believes in Jesus truly can have eternal life!

We can have confidence we have eternal life purely because Jesus said so!

Jesus' signs: Point us to who he is — through what he says!

The 1st sign (Jn 2:11) - wine in abundance (Isa 25:6)

The 2nd sign (Jn 4:54) - life to the dead (Isa 25:8)

True faith: Lives off the words, not the signs