

John 4:1-42
“Jesus Meets the Woman at the Well”
Sunday, June 9, 2024

Reading: John 4:1-15

John 3 – The encounter with Nicodemus.

John 4 – The encounter with the Samaritan Women at the well
Three years of Jesus’ public ministry: **John 1:19-12:50**

The theme of the book: “Jesus, God and Savior”

Thought of the Passage: Jesus Seeks Out, Confronts, Forgives, And Transforms The Repentant Sinner, And The Forgiveness Testifies And Brings Others To Jesus.

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1: John 4:1-6 The Detour

John 4:1 Therefore - Context: (John 3:22-26) Jesus allows his own disciples to baptize because baptism is symbolic of repentance and purification in anticipation of the coming Messiah.

John 4:2 These baptisms were not at odds with each other.

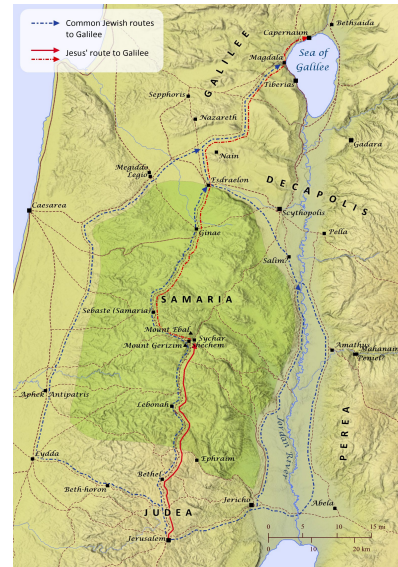
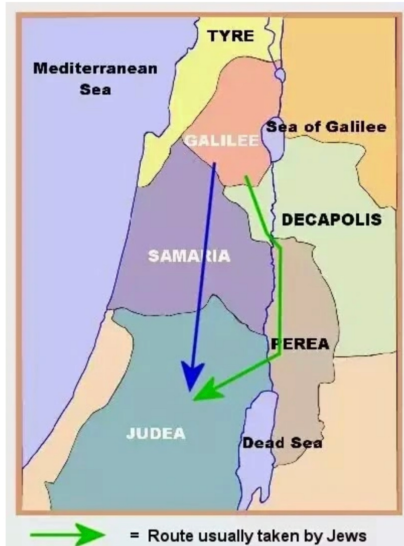
Acts 2:41 The apostles baptize (Peter at Pentecost)

John 4:3 He left Judea and went away again into Galilee.

This was not the time for a confrontation.

John 4:4 And He had to pass through Samaria.

Samaria was located between Judea and Galilee. The Jews would circle around to the right to the east, cross the Jordan, go up to Perea, and avoid Samaria altogether.



Babylon conquered southern Judah; they took most of the population into captivity and exiled them to the Babylonian empire. The Babylonians left the lower class behind to intermarry, which is how we got the Samaritan people.

And He had to pass through Samaria.

1. He was on the way to Galilee.
2. He had a divine appointment with the Samaritan woman.
3. He knew there was a people who needed salvation.

Romans 2:11, John 3:16

John 4:5-6a So He *came to a city of Samaria called Sychar, near the parcel of ground that Jacob gave to his son Joseph; 6 and Jacob's well was there. Sychar = Shechem.

(Genesis 12:6-8) Abram came here to Canaan from Babylon.
 (Genesis 33) Jacob reconciles with his brother Esau and arrives at Shechem. **Genesis 33:18-20** El-Elohe-Israel = *The God of Israel*

(Genesis 32:24-32) Jacob's name is changed to Israel.

- Jacob's daughter Dinah is defiled (Genesis 34)
- Jacob gives land to Joseph his son (Genesis 48)
- Joseph is buried here (Joshua 24:32)
- Joshua renews his commitment (Joshua 24)

John 4:6b So Jesus, being wearied from His journey, was sitting thus by the well. Jesus is no stranger to **fatigue.**

John 11:35 Jesus wept.

It was about the sixth hour - The hottest part of the day.

2: John 4:7-26 The Meeting

John 4:7 There *came a woman of Samaria to draw water.
Jesus *said to her, - A rabi would not speak to a woman publicly.
"Give Me a drink." God allows the sinner to serve him.

Jesus, the Jewish Messiah, speaks with a Samaritan Woman.
Jesus, the giver of living water, asks for water from the well.

John 4:8-9 "How is it that You, being a Jew, ask me for a drink since I am a Samaritan woman?" Why is this man being kind to me?

John 4:10 What is the gift of God? Who is this man talking to me now? What is this living water he is speaking of?

John 4:11 ... where then do You get that living water?
Living water = "*Spring water*" *springs up and looks alive.*
Jeremiah 2:13, Jeremiah 17:13

John 4:12-13 "Everyone who drinks of this water will thirst again;

John 4:14 but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him shall never thirst; but the water that I will give him will become in him a well of water springing up to eternal life."

Spiritual thirst can only be quenched by coming to Jesus, the source of living water.

John 4:15

John 4:16-19
16 He *said to her, "Go, call your husband and come here."

John 4:17-18 "I have no husband." Jesus *said to her, "You have correctly said, 'I have no husband'; **18** for you have had five husbands, and the one whom you now have is not your husband; this you have said truly."

John 4:19 "Sir, I perceive that You are a prophet.

John 4:20 Our fathers worshiped in this mountain - Sychar (Shechem) is at the foot of **Mount Gerizim** (mount of Blessing).

Romans 2:11 (NLT) For God does not show favoritism.

Psalms 51:17 The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; A broken and a contrite heart, O God, You will not despise.

John 4:21

Psalms 22:3, Psalm 150:1, Psalm 150:6
"Alleluia" (Latin) - **"Hallelujah"** (Hebrew)
(*Halel*) praise, (*jah/yah*) *Yahweh* = **Praise the Lord**

John 4:22 (NLT)

22 You Samaritans know very little about the one you worship, while we Jews know all about him, for salvation comes through the Jews.

All humans need salvation; all need a savior. We all need Jesus.

Romans 5:6-8 (NLT)

6 When we were utterly helpless, Christ came at just the right time and died for us sinners. 7 Now, most people would not be willing to die for an upright person, though someone might perhaps be willing to die for a person who is especially good. 8 But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners.

John 4:23-24

23 ...the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for such people the Father seeks to be His worshipers.

Worship with songs of thanksgiving **Psalm 95:1-2**

Worship with musical instruments: **Psalm 150:3-5**

Worship through Tithes and Offerings: **Malachi 3:10, 2 Corinthians 9:7**

Worship through the study of God's Word: **Psalm 1, Psalm 119:101-105**

John 4:25 "...when that One comes, He will declare all things to us."

John 4:26 "I who speak to you am He."

3: John 4:27-30 The Woman's Testimony

John 4:27

John 4:28-29 So the woman left her waterpot,

29 "Come, see a man who told me all the things that I have done;

Isaiah 11:2

John 4:30 They went out of the city, and were coming to Him.

4: John 4:31-38 The Teaching Moment

John 4:31-34a "My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me...
John 4:34b and to accomplish His work.
John 19:30

John 4:35 "There are four months yet"
lift up your eyes and look on the fields, that they are white for
harvest.

Luke 9:62

John 4:36-38 'One sows and another reaps.'
1 Corinthians 3:6-9

5: John 4:39-42 The Fruit of Faith

John 4:39 From that city **many of the Samaritans believed in Him**
because of the word of the woman who testified, "He told me all the things
that I have done."

Testimony: *firsthand authentication of a fact: evidence.*

John 4:40 He stayed there two days.

John 4:41-42 Many more believed because of His word;
42 "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we
have heard for ourselves and know that this One is indeed the
Savior of the world."

Application:

- 1.** Jesus Came To Seek Out And Save The Lost. Place Your Faith In Him And Give Him Your Heart. He Will Give You Living Water.
- 2.** Commit To True Worship With Singing Praise, Thanksgiving, Giving, And Studying God's Word.
- 3.** God Wants To Use Your Testimony To Bring Others To Him. Share What God Has Done In Your Life.
- 4.** Lift Up Your Eyes And See The Harvest Is Plenty. Many Souls Need Jesus. Get Your Priorities Straight And Point People To Jesus.