

John Chapter 4

Pharisees were upset about Jesus making disciples so He left Judea and went to Galilee. His hour had not yet come. More disciples than John.

Had to go through Samaria. Samaritan origins. Mt Gerazim instead of Jerusalem. Usually walk around. Just to encounter this woman.

He did no other ministry there. Told His disciples not to go there. (Matt 10)

Sychar is Shechem. Given to Joseph by Jacob in Gen 48. Joseph's bones buried there. Actually Ephraim. Covenant was renewed in Joshua. Later the capital of Northern Kingdom.

Jesus was weary, tired. Shows His humanity. Human condition. Poor-walking. Uncomfortable to sit at a well. Amazing Love!

12 noon. Heat of the day. She meets Him at a well just like Rebekah, Rachel, and Zipporah. Other women don't come at noon. She is an outcast.

He starts a conversation. Leads in. Disciples are gone. He becomes a beggar-to approach her.

Her reaction shows the depths of the feud between Jews and Samaritans. She is not shy about it. He ignores that. He will show her what she is like and what she needs. This is a time of Grace and visitation for her. He is the Gift of God. A free gift. He is before all of us...and some don't recognize Him and Who He is.

Teaches a single person.

You have to ask Him. Promises the Holy Spirit. Isa 12 wells of salvation; Is 35 springs of water; Is 44 Spirit poured on your seed. Zec 14- living Waters from Jerusalem. Water for the thirsty soul. The Living Water is hidden within *Him*. He goes from a common subject to a spiritual one.

She takes Him literally. He can't give her water, He doesn't have anything to draw it with. Doesn't believe He can give her water. He can't be as great as Jacob. He ignores that complaint. Takes her away from the literal water to what the Living water is. Everlasting satisfaction instead of temporary. All needs will be met. Fountain rather than a bucket. Spirit dwells within us. Flowing water rather than a stagnant pool.

Woman says, great, give me this water so I don't have to come here again. Water is so important to desert people. A lot of work to keep supply of water. Doesn't have to work or have the other people criticize her. Slow to understand.

V16: She didn't understand the spiritual. Took everything literally. He then confronts her with her sin. She doesn't understand where she stands. She has to be made aware of her condition. We need to understand what we are and *then* be healed.

Jesus points out her whole situation to her. She can't evade the conversation. 5 husbands- what happened to them. Living with a man. She doesn't deny any of this. He leaves this to her conscience. He is gentle. Better than a forceful rebuke.

Then she shows Him respect- calls Him sir. Knows that He is sent from God. Then wants more instruction from Him. Gets to information about worship.

Now she is interested in what is true worship. Points out difference between Jews and Samaritans. What is important.

They worshipped at Mt. Gerizim (Deut 11) - where the blessings were pronounced. They had tradition so they thought that was right. Patriarchs worshipped there. This was basis of their tradition. Jews only in Jerusalem. Samaritans used only Books of Moses. They worshipped the God of Israel but only as god of that land. Had pagan influences from the Assyrians.

But Torah states that God will put His Glory in one place. Then David and Solomon build the Temple. Jesus sides with the Jews. They know Who they worship. God was God of the universe not a local deity. Salvation was from them- Plan of Salvation through the Jews. Salvation is personally there before her.

Object of worship should be God. Not the externals. Soon worship of God will be everywhere. Place will not really be important. Gentiles will also be included. Worship will be everywhere (I Tim 2:8 and Mal 1:11. Worship in spirit. The old dispensation is about to pass away. God will not be confined there. The rites they both used will be passing away. It was at a fixed time....now.(Then). Day of salvation II Cor 6:2.

Relate to God on a *different* level.

He tells her that the Jews are right. They know the True God; Samaritans don't. Jews knew the God that had revealed Himself in the Scripture. Jesus uses the word "we." Plan of Salvation unfolded through the Jews.

Messiah is coming. He will tell us everything. Samaritans also expect Him. Torah promises. They knew about the prophets. Will tell us all truth. Lead us. Jesus identifies Himself as the Christ.

Disciples are surprised he is talking to a woman, and a Samaritan. Pharisees would have been horrified. They were surprised that Jesus ate with sinners.

Woman runs into the town. Left her water bucket. Couldn't wait to tell the people there. Becomes an evangelist. Went from go get your husband to getting

everyone! She was very impacted that he knew her sins. Didn't tell them about the other points of discussion. Invites them to go and see Him.

Jesus was weary, thirsty, hungry but reaching this woman had taken precedence over these things. Doing His Father's Will.

Disciples take this literally.

Jesus tells them about the harvest of souls.

Samaritans talked with Him. Then they believed He was the Christ because of His word not just that of the woman.