

John 4

Grace

I. Samaritan Woman Meets Her Messiah

1 Therefore, when the Lord knew that the Pharisees had heard that Jesus made and baptized more disciples than John ² (though Jesus Himself did not baptize, but His disciples), ³ He left Judea and departed again to Galilee. ⁴ But He needed to go through Samaria.

- **Jesus knows Pharisees getting antsy:**

1. Jesus followers growing
2. Jesus time is not yet come
3. Leaves Judea and heads north

Needed to go through Samaria: Important Business in Samaria

- **Samaria**

1. Capital of Northern Kingdom in time of Kings
2. Built and founded by Ahab's father Omri
3. Later Assyria defeated/deported the Northern Kingdom inc. Samaria
4. After return from Assyria: Mixed race/mixed religion/ compromise to Jews

Mutual Understanding: Jews hated Samaritans and the Samaritans hated the Jews

Needed to go through Samaria: Important Business in Samaria

5 So [Jesus] came to a city of Samaria which is called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. 6 Now Jacob's well was there. Jesus therefore, being wearied from His journey, sat thus by the well. It was about the sixth hour.

- Jesus in Samaria at Jacob's well in Sychar [Shechem]
- Jesus tired and sits down at the well at 12 noon

Jesus in a hostile environment. Tired. Thirsty. Has business to attend to...

7 A woman of Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give Me a drink." ⁸ For His disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.

- Disciples are gone... Jesus is alone
- Samaritan woman comes to the well

Jesus looks up at the Samaritan woman **"Give Me a drink"**

- **NOTE:** Same one who made water come from a rock 1500 years earlier

9 Then the woman of Samaria said to [Jesus], "How is it that You, being a Jew, ask a drink from me, a Samaritan woman?" For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.

- **Expectation of woman:**
 1. Not a word would be said
 2. Act as if either one did not exist

Jesus decides to blow her mind!

10 Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the **gift of God**, and **who it is** who says to you, 'Give Me a drink,' you would have asked Him, and He would have given you **living water**."

- Jesus looking up at the woman...

**If you knew who I was...and the Gift I bring
You would have asked Me to give you water...Living Water...and I would give it**

- Awkward moment...

11 The woman said to Him, "Sir, You have nothing to draw with, and the well is deep. Where then do You get that living water?"

- **Sarcasm:**
 1. Where will you get "living water"?
 2. You don't even have a bucket or rope

12 Are You greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well, and drank from it himself, as well as his sons and his livestock?"

- **Question for Jesus the Creator:**
 1. Are you greater than Jacob
 2. Took him a long time to find water
- **Meekness:** Strength under control...Jesus has business to attend to...

13 Jesus answered and said to her, "Whoever drinks of this water will thirst again, 14 but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst. But the water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life."

- **Living Water I offer:**
 1. **Never thirst again:** Stop looking after you drink this
 2. **Nothing else will satisfy:** No substitute will do
 3. **Increase:** Result will be everlasting life

Now you know the gift: Everlasting Life.

15 The woman said to Him, "Sir, give me this water, that I may not thirst, nor come here to draw."

- **Patience and longsuffering of Jesus**

John 3:12 If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how will you believe if I tell you heavenly things?

- I'm tired of walking all the way to this well...give me this water

Jesus business today: To save this one Samaritan lady...a prostitute

He must start with the Law...Tutor to lead her to the Savior

Romans 2:4 [Do you not know...] that the goodness of God leads you to repentance?

- We will only appreciate the goodness of God when we understand the badness of us

Law reveals our need of a Savior: Great Physician begins the operation...

16 Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here." 17 The woman answered and said, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You have well said, 'I have no husband,' 18 for you have had five husbands, and the one whom you now have is not your husband; in that you spoke truly."

- Go get your husband and we can all talk
- I have no husband...I'm not married

You speak truth...but you have had 5 husbands and are presently shacking up; fornication

19 The woman said to Him, "Sir, I perceive that You are a prophet. 20 Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, and you Jews say that in Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship."

Protects herself with religious jargon...rather than feel sting of scalpel

- You seem like a religious guy, I'm religious too. What religion are you?
 1. Our fathers worshiped here in Samaria
 2. Your fathers worshiped in Jerusalem

We can agree...Religion is good! Garble-ee-Gook same as Nicodemus

But Jesus has business to complete...does not let her go

21 Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe Me, the hour is coming when you will neither on this mountain, nor in Jerusalem, worship the Father. 22 You worship **what you do not know**; we know what we worship, for salvation is of the Jews. 23 But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. 24 God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."

- This mountain/That place/This religion/that religion?

Listen...The Father is seeking people just like you to worship Him in Spirit and Truth

- Q. Just like me?
- A. **Just like you...a sinner who needs a Savior**

25 The woman said to Him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ).

- I knew you were waiting for the Messiah

25b..."When He comes, He will tell us all things."

- ...wait a minute

26 Jesus said to her, "**I who speak to you am He.**"

Luke 7:47 But to whom little is forgiven, the same loves little." [Thus...Those who are forgiven much love much]

Now you know the Gift: Everlasting Life.
Now you know the Giver: Jesus Christ the Savior

- Just like me...yes just like you. A sinner in need of the gift of Grace

SUMMARY Samaritan Woman Meets Her Messiah

II. Harvest is White

27 And at this point [Jesus] disciples came, and they marveled that He talked with a woman; yet no one said, "What do You seek?" or, "Why are You talking with her?"

- Why are you talking to her?

28 The woman **then left** her waterpot, went her way into the city, and said to the men, 29 "Come, see a Man who told me all things that I ever did. Could this be the Christ?" 30 Then they went out of the city and came to Him.

- First Evangelist: Forgiven Samaritan woman

31 In the meantime His disciples urged Him, saying, "Rabbi, eat."

- Try to give Jesus a king size Snickers and Dr. Pepper

32 But He said to them, "I have food to eat of which you do not know."

- Food you don't know: Joy of the Salvation of a Soul

33 Therefore the disciples said to one another, "Has anyone brought Him anything to eat?"

- **Dense/Dull of Hearing/ Cloth eared:** Long way to go

Luke 9:41 ...Jesus answered and said, "O faithless and perverse generation, how long shall

I be with you and bear with you?

- Beware the yeast of the Pharisees: It is because we did not bring food?
- PLEASE stop talking about food

34 Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to finish His work. 35 Do you not say, 'There are still four months and then comes the harvest'? Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes and look at the fields, for they are already white for harvest!"

▪ Harvest is here:

1. Woman had brought the men of the town who customarily dressed in white
2. As they lifted their eyes they saw the entire town coming over the hill

This is what really matters...more than food, clothes, stuff

- **You guys need to put down the Snickers and get with the program...**

36 And he who reaps receives wages, and gathers fruit for eternal life, that both he who sows and he who reaps may rejoice together. 37 For in this the saying is true: 'One sows and another reaps.' 38 I sent you to reap that for which you have not labored; others have labored, and you have entered into their labors."

Time to get busy Gentleman; not just wandering around the countryside

- **Sowers:** Those who first give the Word
- **Reapers:** Those who lead someone to Christ after the Word is planted

John the Baptist and his follower prepared the ground with Repentance
We have the privilege of seeing the results he never saw; i.e. Salvation

SUMMARY Harvest is White

III. Savior of the World

39 And many of the Samaritans of that city believed in Him because of the word of the woman who testified, "**He told me all that I ever did.**"

He told you all you did? **ALL you did...** and still loved on you...I want to meet Him

40 So when the Samaritans had come to [Jesus], they urged Him to stay with them; and He stayed there two days.

- Jesus stayed in Samaria with the Samaritans for two days?
- What would people say?

41 And **many more believed** because of His own word. 42 Then they said to the woman, "Now we believe, not because of what you said, for we ourselves have heard Him and we know that this is indeed the **Christ**, the

Savior of the world."

Now you know the gift: Everlasting Life.

**Now you know the Giver: Jesus Christ the Savior of the World
...even Samaritan outcasts like us**

IV. Nobleman's Son Healed

43 Now after the two days He departed from there and went to Galilee.

- After two days in Samaria 2x **v40**

Lord wants us to know He stayed in Samaria two whole days

- On His way **back to Galilee...** Back to the Old Neighborhood
 1. Old friends
 2. Old memories

44 For Jesus Himself testified that a prophet has no honor in his own country.

- Went back home even though He knew He would not be honored
- **Prophet has honor everywhere but home...**
 1. Familiarity
 2. Jealousy
 3. Suspicion

Mark 6:4 "A prophet is **not without honor** except in his own country, among his own relatives, and in his own house."

Don't expect to be honored by friends and relatives as you speak God's Word

- Who do you think you are...you're just like us. You've just matured

45 So when [Jesus] came to Galilee, the Galileans received Him, having seen all the things He did in Jerusalem at the feast; for they also had gone to the feast.

- **Received Him at first**
 1. Saw what He did at the Wedding
 2. Saw what He did at the Feast?
 - Turned the tables
 - Predicted His resurrection
 - **Signs pointing to Him as Messiah...**

John 2:23 ...when He was in Jerusalem at the Passover, during the feast, many believed in His name when they saw the signs which He did.

- Signs at Passover not mentioned

46 So Jesus came again to Cana of Galilee where He had made the water wine. And there was a **certain nobleman** whose **son was sick** at Capernaum. 47 When he heard that Jesus had come out of Judea into Galilee, he went to Him and implored Him to come down and heal his son, for he was at the point of death.

- Rich man's son is dying
- Leaves Capernaum to find Jesus in Galilee

...implored Jesus to come down to Capernaum and heal his son

48 Then Jesus said to him, "Unless you *people* see signs and wonders, you will by no means believe."

- Jesus tests His faith with provoking words

Matthew 15:25 [Gentile woman with demon-possessed daughter] ...worshiped Him, saying, "**Lord, help me!**" 26 But He answered and said, "It is not good to take the children's bread and throw it to the little dogs." 27 And she said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the little dogs eat the crumbs which fall from their masters' table."

...Then Jesus answered and said to her, "O woman, great is your faith!"

- Jesus uses provoking words to test our faith

Unless you see signs and wonders you will not believe...What say you?

49 The nobleman said to Him, "**Sir, come down before my child dies!**"

- **Nice. Perfect words**
 1. Not taken back
 2. Not offended at how God is working...

Matthew 11:6 [John in prison asking if Jesus was really the Messiah because things were not going the way he thought they should...] **...blessed is he who is not offended because of Me."**

- **Sir my son is dying!**

50 Jesus said to him, "**Go your way; your son lives.**" So the **man believed the word** that Jesus spoke to him, and he went his way. 51 And as he was now going down, his servants met him and told him, saying, "Your son lives!" 52 Then he inquired of them the hour when he got better. And they said to him, "Yesterday at the **seventh hour** the fever left him." 53 So the father knew that it was at the same hour in which Jesus said to him, "Your son lives." And **he himself believed, and his whole household.**

- V 50 ...he believed the Word
- V 52 ...his son healed same hour Jesus said "your son lives"

- V 53 ...he now believed unto Salvation/His family believed unto Salvation

NOTE: Family believed...not impossible for our families to believe; i.e. to listen to us, good witnesses to them, pray about timing and what to say

Nobleman's faith was contagious...because his faith was real

Matthew 17:20 [Boys want to know why they could not cast out demon] "Because of your unbelief; for assuredly, I say to you, if you have faith as a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you."

- Not the amount of faith but **quality of faith:** "Sir, come down before my child dies!"

54 This again is the second sign Jesus did when He had come out of Judea into Galilee.

SUMMARY Nobleman's Son Healed
