

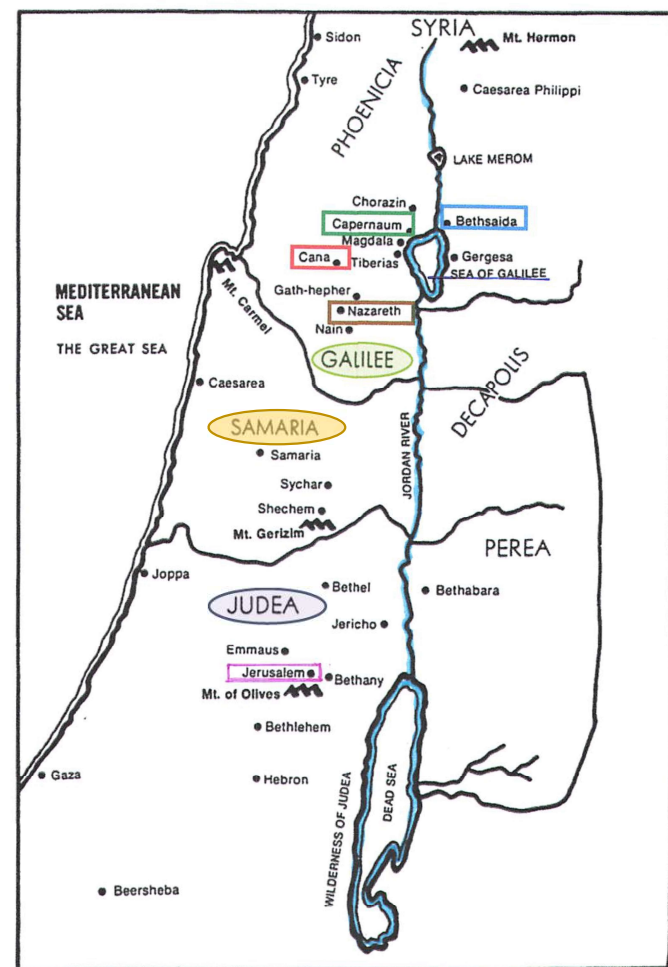
**but these are written so that you may believe  
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by believing you may have life in his name.**

John 20:31



## John 4:1-4

<sup>1</sup>Now when Jesus learned that the Pharisees had heard that Jesus was making and baptizing more disciples than John  
<sup>2</sup>(although Jesus himself did not baptize, but only his disciples),  
<sup>3</sup>he left Judea and departed again for Galilee. <sup>4</sup>And he had to pass through Samaria.



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# Jesus' Witness to the Samaritan Woman

## Jesus Met Her Where She Was

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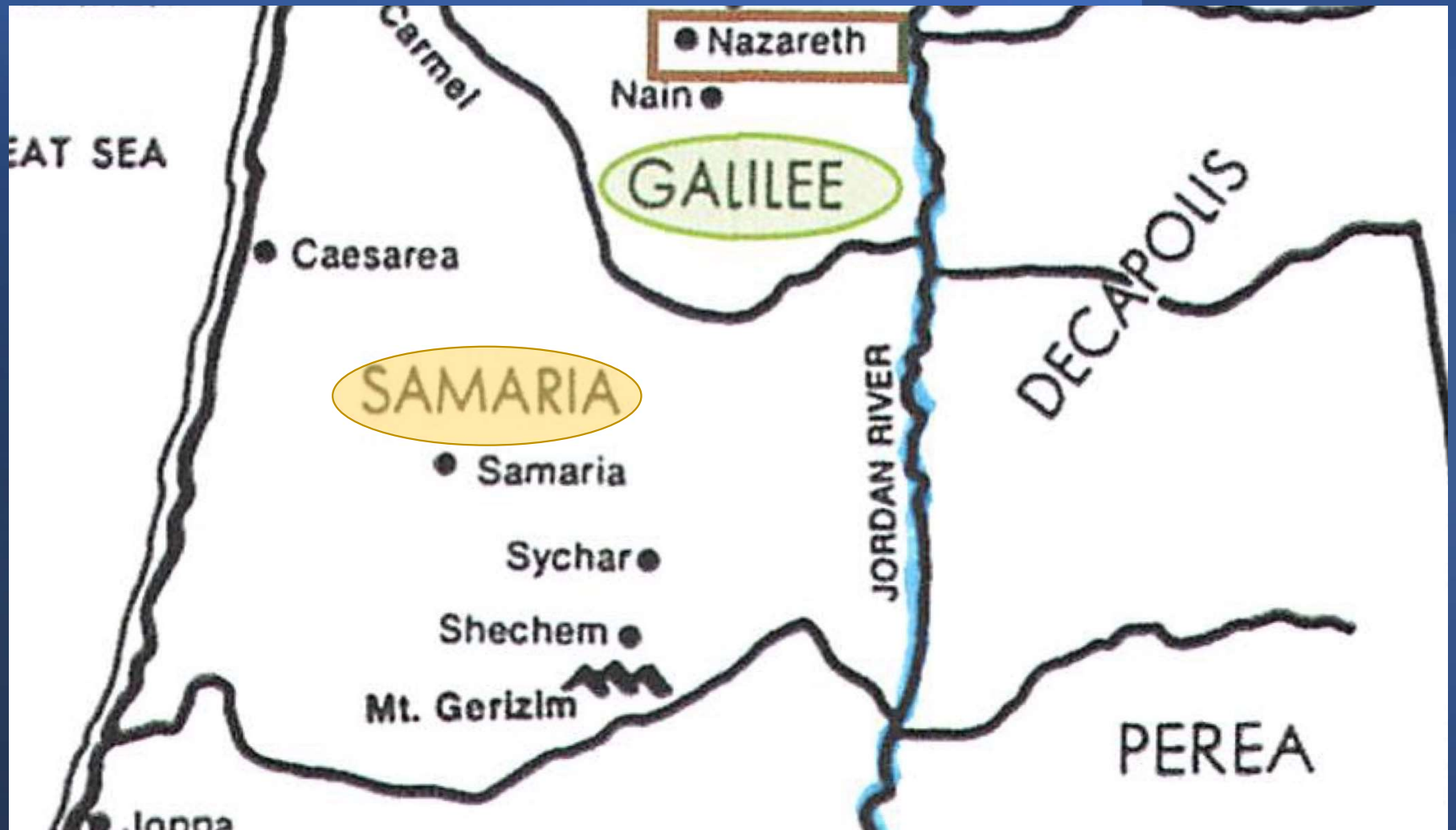
\*Jesus came to the Samaritan Woman.



## John 4:4-6

<sup>4</sup>And he had to pass through Samaria, <sup>5</sup>So he came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the field that Jacob had given to his son Joseph.

<sup>6</sup>Jacob's well was there; so Jesus, wearied as he was from his journey, was sitting beside the well. It was about the sixth hour.



## John 4:7-9

<sup>7</sup>A woman from Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, “Give me a drink.” <sup>8</sup>(For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.) <sup>9</sup>The Samaritan woman said to him, “How is it that you, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a woman of Samaria?” (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.)

# Jesus' Witness to the Samaritan Woman

## Jesus Engaged Her in Conversation

\*Nicodemus: Highly respected Pharisee, ruler of the Jews, the teacher of Israel

- Jesus engaged him with deep theological truths.

\*Samaritan Woman: Immoral, despised

- Very little religious knowledge which was filled with error.

- Jesus met her in the everyday activity of life with an illustration with which she could identify—her need for water.



## John 4:10-15

<sup>10</sup>Jesus answered her, “If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, ‘Give me a drink,’ you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.”<sup>11</sup>The woman said to him, “Sir, you have nothing to draw water with, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? <sup>12</sup>Are you greater than our father Jacob? He gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did his sons and his livestock.” <sup>13</sup>Jesus said to her, “Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, <sup>14</sup>but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become a spring of water welling up to eternal life.” <sup>15</sup>The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water, so that I will not be thirsty or have to come here to draw water.”



## **Jesus' Witness to the Samaritan Woman**

Jesus Spoke Truth Which Exposed Her Deepest Needs  
He led her to truth.

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Offered her living water.

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## Jeremiah 2:13

...my people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, the fountain of living waters, and hewed out cisterns for themselves, broken cisterns that can hold no water.

Jeremiah compared [Israel's] actions to someone abandoning a spring of living (running) water for broken cisterns. The most reliable and refreshing sources of water in Israel were her natural springs. This water was dependable; and its clear, cool consistency was satisfying. In contrast, the most unreliable source of water was cisterns. Cisterns were large pits dug into the rock and covered with plaster. These pits were used to gather rainwater. This water was brackish; and if the rains were below normal, it could run out. Worse yet, if a cistern developed a crack it would not hold the water. To turn from a dependable, pure stream of running water to a broken, brackish cistern was idiotic. Yet that is what Judah did when she turned from God to idols. (Bible Knowledge Commentary)

## John 4:16-19

<sup>16</sup>Jesus said to her, “Go, call your husband, and come here.” <sup>17</sup>The woman answered him, “I have no husband.” Jesus said to her, “You are right in saying, ‘I have no husband’; <sup>18</sup>for you have had five husbands, and the one you now have is not your husband. What you have said is true.” <sup>19</sup>The woman said to him, “Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet.”

## **Jesus' Witness to the Samaritan Woman**

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He led her to truth.

\*Her need for forgiveness.

-Exposed her sin without humiliating her.



## **Jesus' Witness to the Samaritan Woman**

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He led her to truth.

- \* Her need to worship God the Father in spirit and truth.  
-Jesus doesn't get drawn into a religious debate.

John 4:20

Our fathers worshiped  
on this mountain, but  
you say that in  
Jerusalem is the place  
where people ought to  
worship.

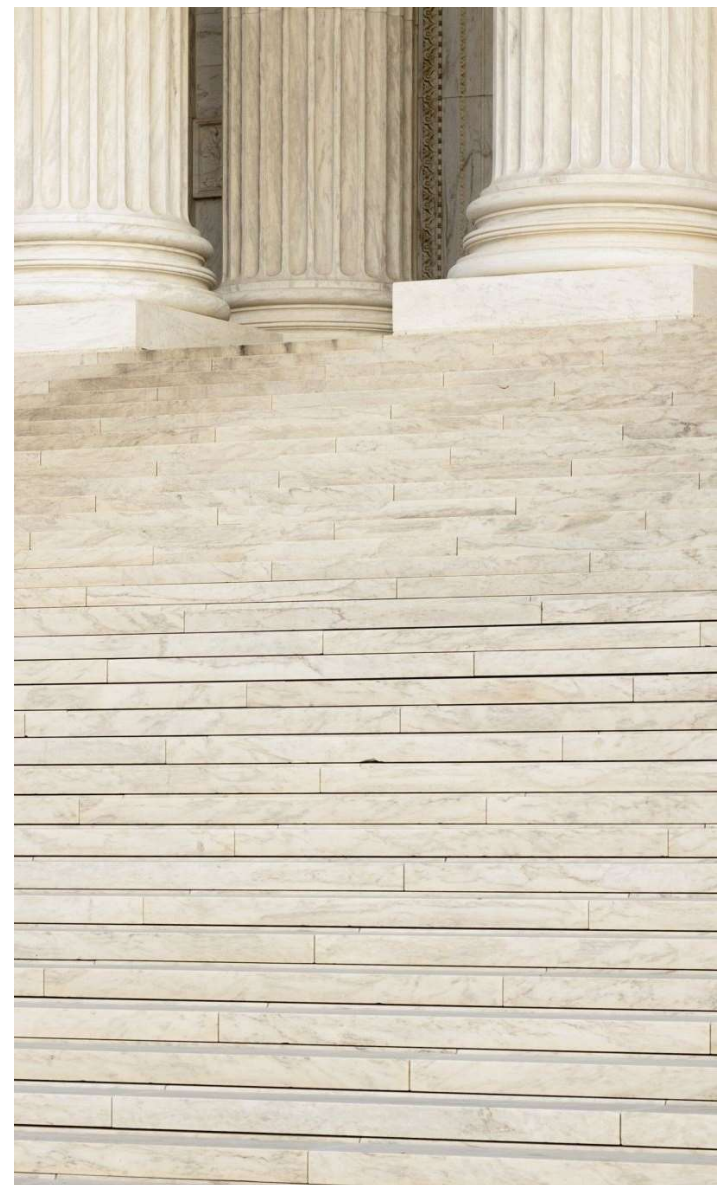
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## 2 Chronicles 6:5-6

<sup>5</sup>‘Since the day that I brought my people out of the land of Egypt, I chose no city out of all the tribes of Israel in which to build a house, that my name might be there, and I chose no man as prince over my people Israel; <sup>6</sup>but I have chosen Jerusalem that my name may be there, and I have chosen David to be over my people Israel.’



## John 4: 21-22

<sup>21</sup>Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father.

<sup>22</sup>You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews."

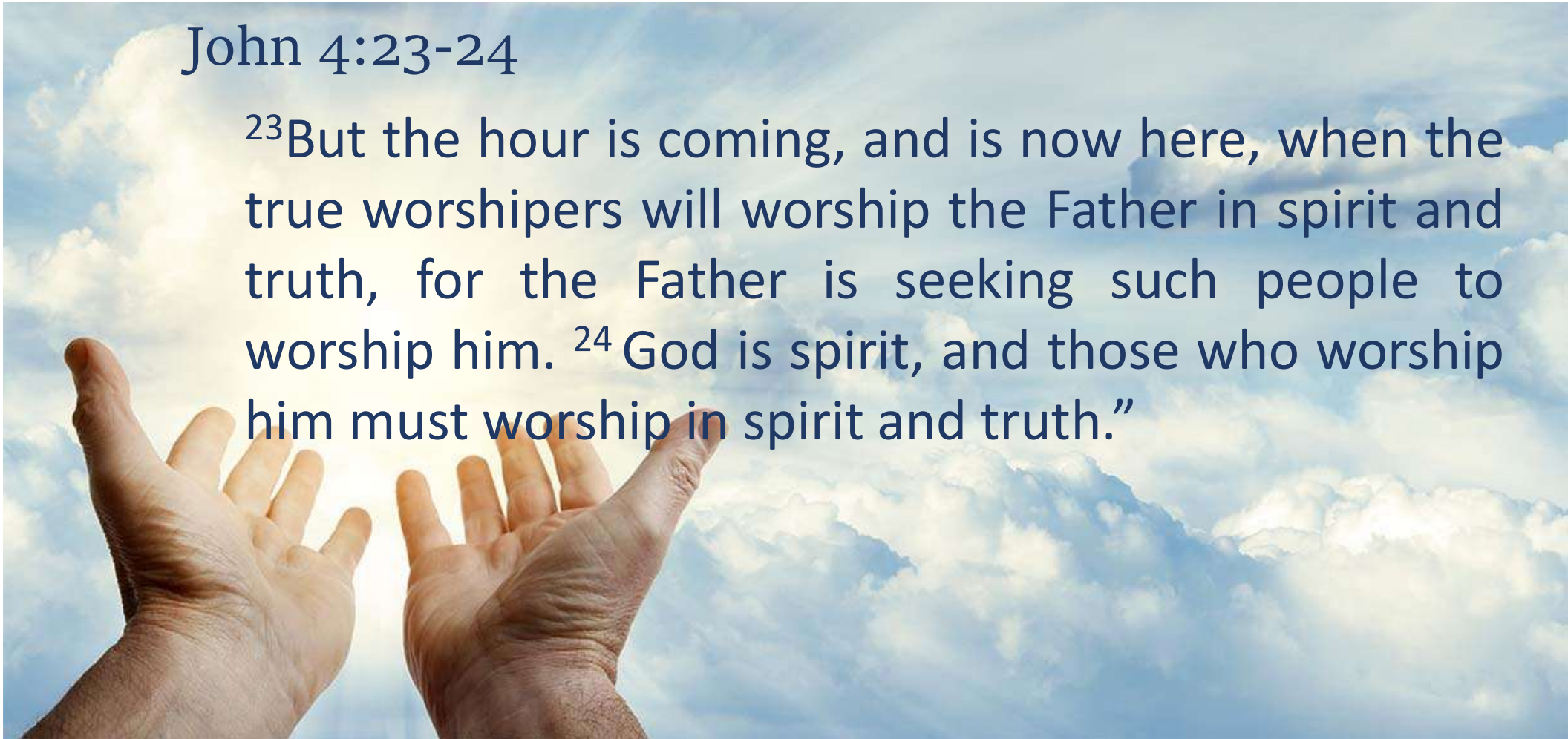
## Romans 9:4-5

<sup>4</sup>They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises. <sup>5</sup>To them belong the patriarchs, and from their race, according to the flesh, is the Christ, who is God over all, blessed forever. Amen.



## John 4:23-24

<sup>23</sup>But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. <sup>24</sup>God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.”



John 14:6, 9

<sup>6</sup>I am the way, and the truth, and the life.  
No one comes to the Father except  
through me.

<sup>9</sup>Whoever has seen me has seen the  
Father.

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John 17:17

Sanctify them in the truth; your word is  
truth.

## Romans 12:1-2

<sup>1</sup>I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. <sup>2</sup>Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.



Hebrews 13:15

Through [Jesus] then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name.

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1 Peter 2:4-5

<sup>4</sup>As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, <sup>5</sup>you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.



## Ephesians 5:18b-20

<sup>18</sup>...be filled with the Spirit,  
<sup>19</sup>addressing one another in psalms  
and hymns and spiritual songs,  
singing and making melody to the  
Lord with your heart, <sup>20</sup>giving  
thanks always and for everything to  
God the Father in the name of our  
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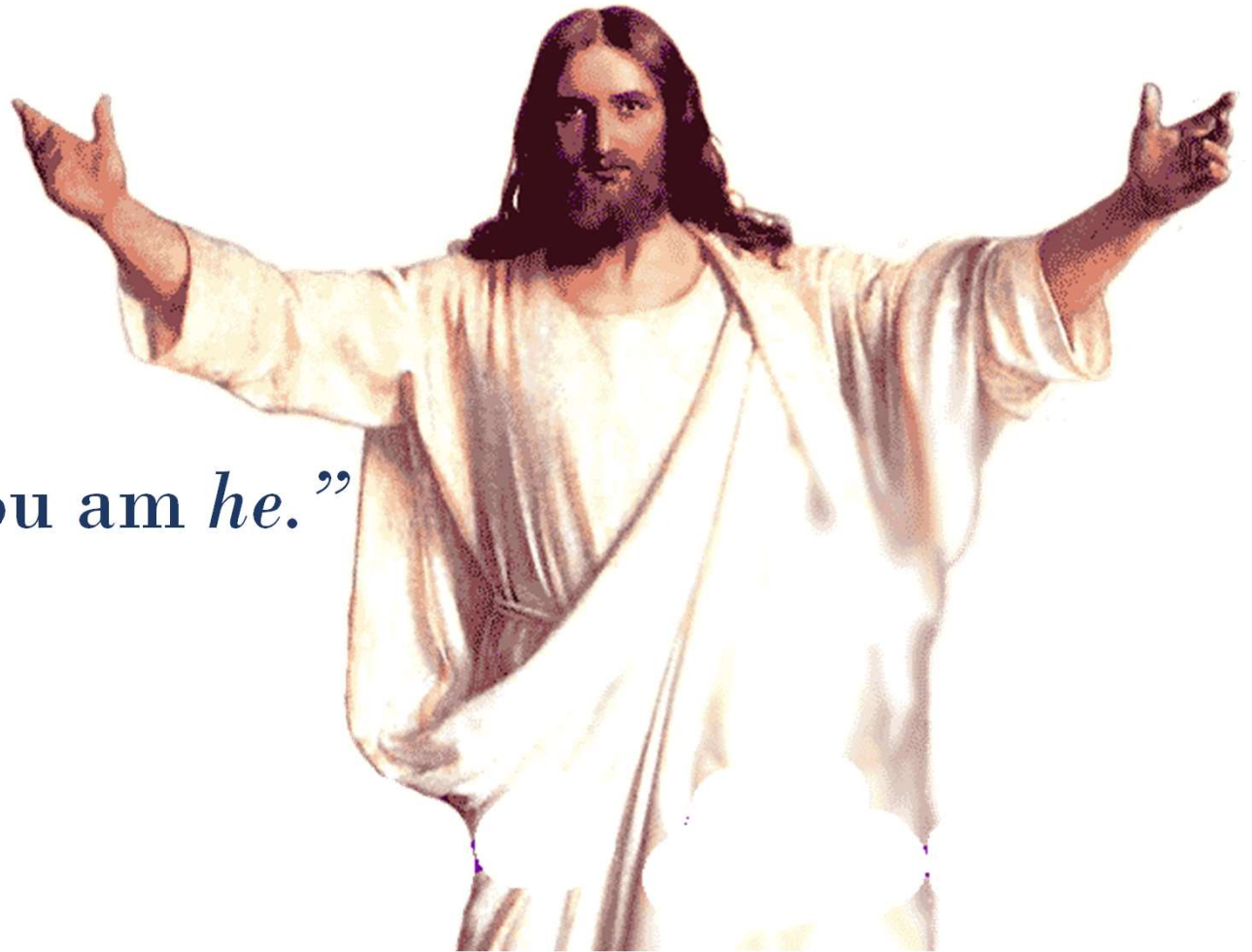
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- \*Her need to know Jesus for whom He truly was—the Christ.
  - She could not worship the Father in truth until she believed the truth about Jesus.

John 4:26

Jesus said to her,  
“I who speak to you am *he*.”



## John 4:35-38

<sup>35</sup> “Do you not say, There are yet four months, then comes the harvest? Look, I tell you, lift up your eyes, and see that the fields are white for harvest. <sup>36</sup>Already the one who reaps is receiving wages and gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. <sup>37</sup>For here the saying holds true, ‘One sows and another reaps.’ <sup>38</sup>I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor.”

## John 4:39-42

<sup>39</sup>Many Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me all that I ever did." <sup>40</sup>So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them, and he stayed there two days. <sup>41</sup>And many more believed because of his word. <sup>42</sup>They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is indeed the Savior of the world."

# Jesus' Witness to the Samaritan Woman

## The Samaritan Woman's Response

She responded with excitement and immediately left to tell everyone to come, see Jesus.

## The Result

They came. They listened to Jesus. Many believed.

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