

John 4:27-42

The Woman at the Well

4:27-28

They marveled – Rabbis did not speak with women, especially Samaritans. However, they were afraid to ask Jesus why he was speaking to her.

So the woman left her waterpot – Her excitement of discovering the Messiah and her desire to tell others made her completely forget why she had come to the well.

4:29-30

Come, see... Her emphasis was on Jesus and what He had done.

This is not the Christ, is it? She used a question to elicit investigation.

The result – They went out to investigate!

4:31-38

In the meanwhile – In verses 31 through 39 Jesus introduces His disciples to a new concept. True spiritual nourishment comes from doing the Father's will.

My food is –

To do the will of Him who sent me (5:19, 30)

To accomplish His work (5:36, 6:29, 19:30)

There are four months and then comes the harvest –

A proverb about the nature of sowing and reaping.

In the spiritual realm the time between sowing and reaping may be very brief!

Already he who reaps is receiving wages and gathering fruit for eternal life – Present joy and eternal reward is promised for those who are faithful in the harvest!

"...lift up your eyes, and look on the fields, that they are white for harvest."

"...The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore beseech the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest." Luke 10:2

Fruit for life eternal – Speaking of eternal rewards

One sows, and another reaps –

Neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but God who causes growth. Now he who plants and he who waters are one; but each will receive his own reward according to his own labor.

1 Corinthians 3:8-9

I sent you to reap that for which you have not labored – John the Baptist had sowed, but now Jesus and His disciples were reaping.

Labor = kopiao = Weary in 4:6

4:39-42

Many believed... because of the word of the woman...

Many more believed because of His word...

We know that this One is indeed the Savior of the world.

Notice how the progression of Jesus' ministry in John is repeated in Acts 1:8:

-In Jerusalem (2:13)

-In Judea (3:22)

-In Samaria (4:4-5)

-Savior of the World (4:42)

Phases of sharing the gospel:

Preparing the soil	Sowing the seed	Cultivating the soil	Reaping the harvest
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1 Corinthians 3:6

Three Biblical motivations for sharing the gospel from 2 Corinthians 5:

1 – It is pleasing to the Father – 2 Cor. 5:9

2 – We will be rewarded – 2 Cor. 5:10-11

3 – The love of Christ compels us – 2 Cor. 5:14-15

We are ambassadors for Christ!