

John 4 - Therefore when the Lord knew that the Pharisees had heard that Jesus was making and baptizing more disciples than John <sup>2</sup> (although Jesus himself didn't baptize, but his disciples), <sup>3</sup> he left Judea and departed into Galilee. <sup>4</sup> **He needed to pass through Samaria.**

So he came to a city of Samaria, called **Sychar**, near the parcel of ground that Jacob gave to his son, Joseph. <sup>6</sup> **Jacob's well was there.**

Jesus therefore, being tired from his journey, sat down by the well. It was about the sixth hour. <sup>7</sup> **A woman of 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 therefore said to him, “How is it that you, being a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a Samaritan woman?” (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.)

Jesus answered 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.”

<sup>11</sup> The woman said to him, “Sir, you have nothing to draw with, and the well is deep. So where do you get that living water? <sup>12</sup> **Are you greater than our father, Jacob, who gave us the well and drank from it himself,** as did his children and his livestock?”

<sup>13</sup> Jesus answered her, “Everyone who drinks of **this water will thirst again,** <sup>14</sup> but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him **will never thirst again;** but the water that I will give him will become **in him a well of water springing up to eternal life.**”

<sup>15</sup> The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water, so that I don’t get thirsty, **neither come all the way here to draw.**”

<sup>16</sup> Jesus said to her, “Go, call your husband, and come here.”

<sup>17</sup> The woman answered, “I have no husband.”

Jesus said to her, “You said well, ‘I have no husband,’ <sup>18</sup> for you have had five husbands; and he whom you now have is not your husband. This you have said truly.”

19 The woman said to him, “Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet. 20 **Our fathers** worshiped **in this mountain**, and **you Jews** say that **in Jerusalem** is the place where people ought to worship.”

21 Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe me, the hour comes, when **neither in this mountain, nor in Jerusalem**, will you worship the Father.

<sup>22</sup> You worship that which you don't know.  
We worship that which we know; for  
salvation is from the Jews. <sup>23</sup> But the hour  
comes, **and now is,**

when the true worshipers will worship the Father **in spirit and truth**, for the Father seeks such to be his worshipers. <sup>24</sup> God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.”

<sup>25</sup> The woman said to him, “I know that Messiah comes, he who is called Christ. When he has come, he will declare to us all things.”

<sup>26</sup> Jesus said to her, “I am he, the one who speaks to you.”

<sup>27</sup> At this, his disciples came. They marveled that he was speaking with a woman; yet no one said, “What are you looking for?” or, “Why do you speak with her?” <sup>28</sup> So the woman left her water pot, went away into the city, and said to the people, <sup>29</sup> “Come, see a man who told me everything that I did. Can this be the Christ?” <sup>30</sup> They went out of the city, and were coming to him.

<sup>31</sup> In the meanwhile, the disciples urged him, saying, “Rabbi, eat.”

<sup>32</sup> But he said to them, “**I have food to eat that you don’t know about.**”

<sup>33</sup> The disciples therefore said to one another, “Has anyone brought him something to eat?”

<sup>34</sup> Jesus said to them, “**My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to accomplish his work.** <sup>35</sup> Don’t you say, ‘There are yet four months until the harvest?’ Behold, **I tell you, lift up your eyes and look at the fields,** that they are white for harvest already.

<sup>36</sup> He who reaps receives wages and gathers **fruit to eternal life**; that **both he who sows and he who reaps may rejoice together**.

<sup>37</sup> For in this the saying is true, ‘One sows, and another reaps.’ <sup>38</sup> I sent you to reap that for which you haven’t labored. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor.”

39 From that city **many of the Samaritans believed** in him because of the word of the woman, who testified, “He told me everything that I did.”

<sup>40</sup> So when the Samaritans came to him, they begged him to stay with them. He stayed there two days. <sup>41</sup> Many more believed because of his word. <sup>42</sup> They said to the woman, “Now we believe, not because of your speaking; for we have heard for ourselves,

and know that this is indeed **the Christ, the Savior of the world.**”