

## Jesus--John 4

### Jesus Meets a Samaritan Woman; Heals the Nobleman's Son

#### I. Additional Scriptures...

1. Genesis 33:19; 48:22; Joshua 24:32
2. 2 Kings 17:24; Luke 9:52-53; Acts 10:28
3. MY MEAT (Jn 4:34)... cf., John 6:38; 10:10; 17:4; 19:30
4. John 4:45, cf., Deuteronomy 16:16

#### II. Chronology.

BIBLE PERIOD: **The Period of the Christ.**

#### III. Summary.

What a great chapter! It was not time for there to be a big conflict in Judaea with the religious leaders of the day and so when His fame began to spread a bit too much, Jesus went back up into Galilee. Rather than take the longer trek around Samaria as so many Jews did, He led the disciples through Samaria. At Jacob's Well, Jesus engaged in a lengthy conversation with a Samaritan woman, beginning the conversation by asking her for a drink of water from the well. The woman was somewhat startled that Jesus would speak to her. Jesus' response challenged her to think about salvation of her soul. Jesus asks the woman to go call her husband. Perhaps Jesus did this in order to teach her about her sin. The woman had been married five times and Jesus told her the man she was presently living with was NOT her husband. By this obviously supernatural knowledge, Jesus demonstrated to the satisfaction of the woman that He was a prophet of God

After this (perhaps the woman wanting to change the topic of conversation), she made a statement regarding the PLACE of worship. Jesus seizes the opportunity to speak about worship in the coming kingdom. How vitally important it is for us to appreciate verse 24 in regard to our worship practices today! Jesus acknowledges to the woman that He is the Messiah (v. 26). When Jesus' disciples returned, they were surprised to see Him talking with a Samaritan woman. The woman returned to her village without her water jar and began to tell others about her conversation. She was successful in generating interest. Jesus spoke to His disciples about His meat or food. He challenged the disciples to look out at the fields that were ripe for harvest. Many of the Samaritans believed on Jesus after they heard Him teach. They asked Jesus to stay and He did for two days. Afterward, He returned to Galilee.

The second miracle John records was the healing of the nobleman's son, who was very near death. Jesus healed the boy without going to the man's house. The very time that Jesus told the nobleman that his son would live was the very time that the son was healed.

#### IV. Outline.

1. Evidently to avoid further conflict in Judaea, Jesus goes back to Galilee by way of Samaria (John 4:1-6).
2. At Jacob's well, Jesus begins an interesting conversation with a Samaritan woman regarding living water (John 4:7-14).

3. When Jesus asked the woman to call her husband, the woman became convinced that
4. The conversation changes to the subject of worship (John 4:19-24).  
Jesus tells the woman He is the Messiah (John 4:25-26).
6. \_\_\_\_\_ of this Prophet (John 4:27-30).  
The "meat" or food discussion (John 4:31-34).
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9. Many believe on Jesus because of His teaching (John 4:39-42).  
The Galileans welcome Jesus (John 4:43-45).
11. \_\_\_\_\_ of the nobleman's son (John 4:46-54).

## V.

**True or False**

01. \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus followed the common custom of the Jews of going around Samaria to reach Galilee.  
\_\_\_\_\_ At about 1:00 p.m., the fever of the nobleman's son left him.  
\_\_\_\_\_ Jesus talked to the Samaritan woman about everlasting life.  
\_\_\_\_\_ The nobleman's son was not seriously ill, only having a fever.  
\_\_\_\_\_ The Samaritans were wanting Jesus quickly to leave their territory.
06. \_\_\_\_\_ Heard that Jesus (His disciples) had baptized more than John.  
\_\_\_\_\_ Believed the word that Jesus had spoken unto them.  
\_\_\_\_\_ Said, "This is indeed the Christ, the Saviour of the world."
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10. \_\_\_\_\_ Said, "Sir, give me this water that I thirst not."
11. Jacob said to \_\_\_\_\_, "Moreover I have given to the one \_\_\_\_\_ above and with my bow" (Genesis \_\_\_\_:22).
12. \_\_\_\_\_ of him that sent me" (\_\_\_\_\_ 6:38).
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14. "God is a \_\_\_\_\_ and they that \_\_\_\_\_ him must worship him in spirit
15. John \_\_\_\_:30... "When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, It is

*Each Question is worth 7 Points*

**My Score is:** \_\_\_\_\_

Answers will be given on next week's handout

**ANSWERS to Lesson 01-29...** [01--True, 7-9; 02--False, 10; 03--False, 12; Mt 13:55; 04--False, 9; 05--True, 23; 06--c, 6; 07--b, 20; 08--c, 6; 09--b, 11; 10--d, 14, 21; 11--2, giveth, drink, drunken; 12--house, eaten, 17; 13--6, time, time; 14--Whatever, do, 5; 15--knew, man, 25.]

VI. **Lessons & Applications.**

1. *When therefore the Lord knew ... He left Judaea and departed again into Galilee*

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impact among the Jews at this time. Because of fear of losing their position, the religious leaders of Jerusalem had a watchful eye on their activities. There was more preparation to be done and this was not the time for there to be great conflict with the Pharisees in Judaea, thus Jesus went back to Galilee where there was not as much likelihood of problems developing. This should teach us that we need to be wise in our own evangelism efforts (Mt 10:16). Sometimes there may be better hope of success if we back off a bit and allow people some time to think.

2. **And he must needs go through Samaria** (John 4:4). Even though many Jews took the long route from Judaea to Galilee (i.e., crossing the Jordan River twice), in order to avoid any contact with the Samaritans, this was not what Jesus did. Sometimes we might wonder if we could have greater success in evangelizing lost souls if we followed the example of Jesus rather than that of the Jews. Are there any souls on this earth who are not worth some kind of effort to communicate God's word to them? We are taught that some might "turn again and rend you" (Mt 7:6), but this would be after they have proved themselves to be "dogs or swine" (i.e., unworthy because of being unwilling to receive the message).
3. **But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst...** (John 4:14). This is a very beautiful word picture of what it is that our Lord Jesus provides and the message we have been blessed to have opportunity to share with other people. Thirst for water is one of mankind's strongest drives or urges. When truly thirsty, a person will give almost anything for a small glass of water. The people I have met in India are DIRT POOR, but many of them are extremely happy because someone has told them about the living water that only Jesus can provide.
4. **...Thou hast well said, I have no husband...** (John 4:17-18). Sometimes the laws of the land are not in accord with God's laws. No-fault divorce laws in our society make it possible for an easy divorce and the result has been devastating to homes in our land. Jesus is telling this woman that her present adulterous situation has not the approval of deity. Jesus states only one exception for divorce and remarriage (Mt 19:9). He is obviously correcting the misconception this Samaritan woman had regarding easy divorce and remarriage.
5. **God is a Spirit; and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth** (John 4:24). The right object is God. The right spirit is sincerely and with understanding (1 Cor 14:15). The right truth is according to the word of God (cf., John 17:17). It is not worship that pleases man that is important in our worship assemblies. God is the AUDIENCE and we are to be actively participating in our worship to Him, and according to His will.
6. **...My meat is to do the will of Him that sent me...** (John 4:34). Consider the Scriptures listed under the "Additional Scriptures" section above (I.3).
7. **Lift up your eyes and look on the fields...** (John 4:35). This was a great challenge to the disciples of Jesus in that day and it is also for us today. Sometimes we become discouraged at the lack of interest we seem to observe. VISION is required! Some things we need to see...
  - 1) God as He is (Isa 6:1-4).
  - 2) Ourselves as We Are (Isa 6:5-8).
  - 3) The Lost as They Are (John 4:35).
  - 4) What God Has Done (John 12:32).
  - 5) What God is Doing (Acts 14:27).--Outline from Paul Meacham, Jr.

8. ...And the man believed the word that Jesus had spoken... (John 4:50). This is the great need of mankind today—to believe the word of Jesus!

**VII. Seek-A-Word Puzzle.**

Q A Z D E A T H W S X C E G D C V R F V  
 B G T Y H N M J U I K L P A O P O I N T  
 I K M J U J N S N H Y T G L B V F R E D  
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 H N L I V E T H T G B R F V E D C E D C  
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[The words below come from the section that tells about the healing of the Nobleman's son. See if you can find them all above.]

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| 01. Galilee  | 02. prophet  |
| 03. honor    | 04. nobleman |
| 05. son      | 06. sick     |
| 07. heal     | 08. point    |
| 09. death    | 10. signs    |
| 11. wonders  | 12. come     |
| 13. believed | 14. liveth   |
| 15. seventh  | 16. fever    |
| 17. left     | 18. second   |