

STUDIES IN THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

LESSON 5 - JOHN CHAPTER 4

ASSIGNMENT

READ John chapter 4. In this chapter we see Jesus tell a woman about Himself.

Notice:

- 1) how Jesus gets the woman to listen to Him,
- 2) how He gets her to talk about the things of God,
- 3) how He shows Himself to her as the Savior.

Also we see a second sign. What is this sign?

MEMORIZE John 4:35,

“Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? Behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields: for they are white already to harvest.”

“Do not say, 'It is four months yet until the time to gather grain?' Listen! I say to you, open your eyes and look at the fields. They are white now and waiting for the grain to be gathered in.” (N.L.T.).

KEY THOUGHTS, WORDS

In this chapter we find the thought **“to believe.”**

- 1) The woman at the well believed Jesus, John 4:29.
- 2) The people of Sychar believed Jesus, John 4:42.
- 3) The nobleman believed Jesus, John 4:53.

OUTLINE OF JOHN CHAPTER 4

- A. Samaritans, John 4:1-6.
- B. Witnessing, John 4:7-42.
 1. Jesus talked to the woman, John 4:7,8.
 2. Jesus caused the Samaritan woman to listen, John 4:9-12.
 3. Jesus caused the woman to listen to the things of God, John 4:13-15.
 4. Jesus made the woman to see her need, John 4:16-24.

5. Jesus caused the woman to see that He was the Christ, John 5:25-30.
6. Jesus taught the people of Samaria, John 4:39-42.
7. Witnessing satisfies, John 4:31-34.
8. Witnessing is to be done now, John 4:35-38.

C. Second sign, John 4:43-54.

1. Place, John 4:43-46.
2. The need, John 4:46-49.
3. The need met, John 4:50-54.

LOOKING AT JOHN CHAPTER 4

Jesus had been preaching and baptizing in Judea. The Pharisees heard that Jesus had more followers than John. Were the Jews happy about the work of Jesus?

John 2:18-22

Jesus knew this. Jesus knew what was in the heart of man, John 2:25. Jesus knew His time to die had not come as yet. So he left the country of Judea. Jesus said to His disciples,

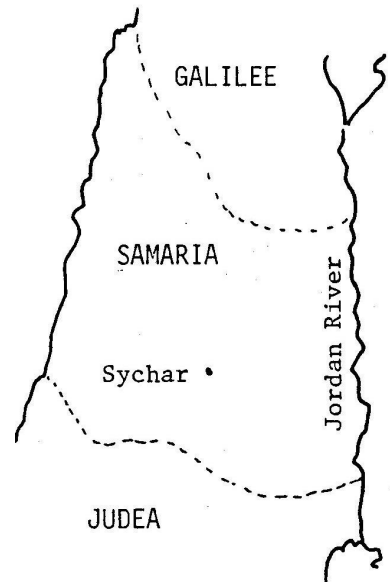
“But when they persecute you in this city, flee ye into another.” Matthew 10:23.

A. Samaritans, John 4:1-6.

Samaria is a province between Judea and Galilee. See the map. The shortest way from Judea to Galilee is through Samaria. The Jews did not go this way. Why do you think they did not go this way? John 4:9

The Jews were too proud to have anything to do with the Samaritans.

The people of Samaria were of mixed blood. They were part Jew and part Assyrian. The people of Samaria were also of mixed religion. They feared God and worshipped their own gods, 2 Kings 17:32,33. This is why the Jews hated the Samaritans.



Jesus *“must needs go through Samaria.”* Jesus could have gone the way the Jews went to Galilee. But Jesus went through Samaria. He showed that He loved the

Samaritan people too. Jesus came for the Samaritan people too.

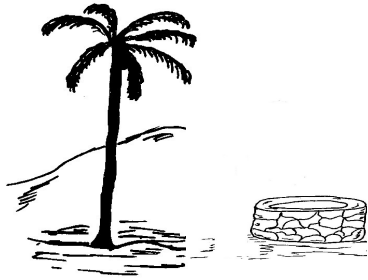
B. Witnessing, John 4:7- 42.

1. Jesus talked to the woman, John 4:7,8.

A Jewish teacher did not usually talk to a woman when he was alone. A Jewish teacher would not talk to a Samaritan woman. But Jesus talked to this woman from Samaria.

Where did the disciples of Jesus go? John 4:8

2. Jesus caused the Samaritan woman to listen, John 4:7-12.



As we study these verses we see how Jesus witnessed to a Samaritan woman. We can learn to witness for Christ from His example. Remember, Nicodemus was a teacher. He knew the Old Testament well. Jesus knew this. Jesus was able to talk to Nicodemus about the things of God. However, the Samaritan woman did not know the Old Testament well.

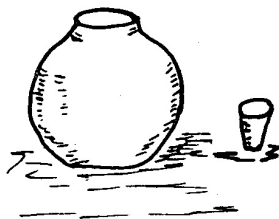
What was the first thing Jesus talked to her about?

Why was the woman surprised when He asked her for it?

What was the second thing He said that surprised her?

But this time she was curious. She forgot a Jew was talking to her.

3. Jesus caused the woman to listen to the things of God, John 4:13-15.



What would happen to those who drank from the water Jesus gave them?

Water is also used in the Bible to picture salvation. It shows several pictures of salvation.

	Water	Salvation
a. Necessary for life.	We need water to live. We will die of thirst before we will die of hunger.	We can receive eternal life only if we believe in Jesus Christ.
b. Cleans.	We use water to wash away dirt.	When we are saved by the blood of Jesus Christ our sins are washed away, 1 John 1:7.
c. Free.	Nearly every place we go we can get water free.	Salvation in Jesus Christ is free. Salvation cost God a lot.
d. By faith.	Water can help us only if we use it.	Salvation can help us only if we receive it. We have to take it by faith.
e. Satisfies thirst.	There is nothing that can take away our thirst like water.	Only salvation can satisfy our longing for peace with God.

4. Jesus made the woman see her need, John 4:16-24.

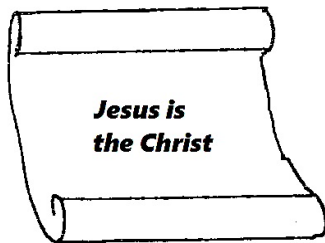
What did Jesus ask the woman to do? John 4:16

She did not really want to tell Jesus about her life. Did Jesus know about her life? John 4:17,18

The woman saw that Jesus knew her sin. How did she try to keep from talking about it? John 4:20



Notice that this woman asked the same question many people ask today, "Which church is the right church?" What did Jesus tell her? John 4:24



5. Jesus made the woman see that He is the Christ, John 4:25-30.

The woman saw that Jesus could give her the right answers. She thought of the Christ which the Jews

were looking for. In John 4:26 Jesus answered her,

“ . ”

The Jews were waiting for the Christ Who is the Messiah. What did the woman do when she heard this? John 4:28,29

6. Jesus taught the people of Samaria, John 4:39-42.

What was the first reason the people believed in Jesus Christ? John 4:39

What was the second reason they believed in Jesus? John 4:41

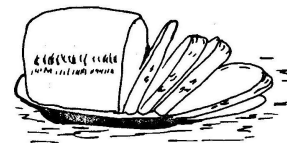
Was Jesus in a hurry to leave them? John 4:40

Jesus stayed with the people of Samaria for two days. During these two days He taught them. The people believed that Jesus was the Savior of the world, John 4:42.

7. Witnessing satisfies, John 4:31-34.

What did Jesus say to the disciples when they offered Him food? John 4:32

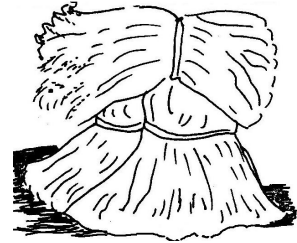
There are times when we have work to do. We want to do the work very well. We like to do that work so much that we cannot leave it. Some of us will not sleep or eat until we get our work done.



Jesus had work to do. That work was to bring people back to His Father. When Jesus found a person who was ready to come to His Father, He helped that person. He found more joy in bringing a person to His Father than in eating food. May God help us to be happy in bringing others to Jesus Christ. If we find happiness in bringing people to Jesus Christ, we will forget about many other things. There is a real happiness in seeing another person come to Jesus Christ.

8. Witnessing is to be done now, John 4:35-38.

Where people farm, there is a time when the grain gets ripe and must be gathered. This seems to be true with people coming to Jesus Christ. There seems to be a time when they are ready to trust Christ. When should people be ready to trust Christ? John 4:35: 2 Corinthians 6:2



A place where it is very hard to preach the Gospel is often ready to receive it. We are to keep our eyes open for every chance to witness.

What two kinds of workers do we see in John 4:36

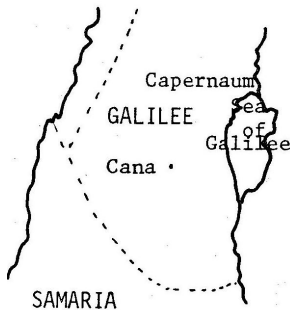
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Many times we tell others about the Lord Jesus. These people may not believe Jesus is the Christ at the time we tell them about Him. Another person will come along and lead the same people to the Lord Jesus. One person had planted the Word of God. Another person gathered the fruit. How will those who plant and those who gather fruit feel when these people come to the Lord Jesus? John 4:36

C. Second sign, John 4:43-54.

READ John 4:43-54.

1. Place, John 4:43-46.



Where did Jesus go after He left Samaria? John 4:43

Jesus grew up in Galilee. To which town did He go in Galilee? John 4:46

What happened when Jesus was in this town at another time? John 4:46

From what town did the man who wanted help come? John 4:46

These two towns were about 20 to 30 miles apart.

2. The need, John 4:46-49.

a. The child was in need.

What was wrong with the child?

b. The father was in need.

The father also had a need. He thought that Jesus could only heal those He spoke to or touched. This man's boy was at home, a long way off. What did Jesus tell the father? John 4:48

Jesus had to help the father before He could help the child. First the father had to learn to believe.

What did the man do when Jesus told him,

“Go your way. Your son will live.” John 4:50 (N.L.T.)

3. The need met, John 4:50-54.

a. What did the man learn as he came near his home? John 4:51

The servants told him, “*the sickness left him,*” John 4:52
(N.L.T.)

Was this the same time he was told to go home? John 4:53

b. What happened when the father came home? John 4:53

IMPORTANT TO REMEMBER

1. Salvation:
 - a. is necessary to get to heaven.
 - b. cleans from sin.
 - c. is free.

- d. is received by faith.
 - e. satisfies our longing for peace with God.
2. To witness we need:
- a. Someone to witness to.
 - b. Something to witness about.
 - c. Someone to help witness (Holy Spirit).
 - d. Something (the Bible) to guide us in witnessing.
3. Steps in witnessing.
- a. Talk to God first.
 - b. Talk to people.
 - c. Get people to listen.
 - d. Get people to see their need.
 - e. Show people that Christ can save them.
 - f. Show the new Christian how to live the Christian life.



WORDS TO LEARN

1. Assyrian - people from Assyria. Assyria used to be where part of Iraq is now.
2. curious - to have a desire to know or to find out.
3. example - something done to show how something learned is used.
4. nobleman - a man who worked for the king.
5. province - a part of a country.
6. salvation - to be free from the power of sin; to be free from the punishment of sin; to be free to worship God; to be free to live in the presence of God.
7. Samaritan - people living in Samaria. They are part Jew and part Assyrian.
8. satisfy - to give what is needed.
- to give what is wanted, to please.
9. surprised - something happened that we did not think would happen.

Lesson 5 - Review

Fill in the blanks.

Example: Jesus stopped at the city of S y c h a r.

1. The Jews _____ the Samaritans.
2. The Samaritans were of _____ blood.
3. Samaria is between _____ and _____.
4. The Samaritan woman knew little about the _____.
5. Jesus first talked to the woman about _____.
6. Jesus showed the woman that He knew about her _____.
7. The people of her town _____ what the woman said.
8. _____ people believed in Jesus.
9. Jesus was in the town of _____ when he healed the son of the man who worked for the king (nobleman).
10. The son of the man who worked for the king was in the town of _____.
11. Jesus wanted the man who worked for the king to _____.
12. Salvation means to _____.
13. To witness means _____.

Answer:

14. List five of the six steps in witnessing:
 - a. _____.
 - b. _____.
 - c. _____.
 - d. _____.
 - e. _____.
 - f. Show the new Christian how to live the Christian life.

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