

The GOSPEL of JOHN

THAT YOU MAY BELIEVE

John 4:1-26

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THE WOMAN AT THE WELL

Introduction:

I. THE DETOUR THROUGH SYCHAR (4:1-6)

A. Out of the Way (vs. 1-3)

“when the Lord knew...He left Judea”

“Jesus was making more disciples than John (although Jesus Himself was not baptizing, but His disciples were)”

“He...went away again into Galilee”

B. On the Way (vs. 4-6a)

“He had to pass through Samaria...to a city...called Sychar”

“near the parcel of ground that Jacob gave to his son Joseph”

“Jacob’s well was there”

C. By the Way (vs. 6b)

“Jesus, being wearied from His journey, was sitting by the well”

“about the sixth hour”

II. THE DISCUSSION WITH A SAMARITAN (4:7-20)

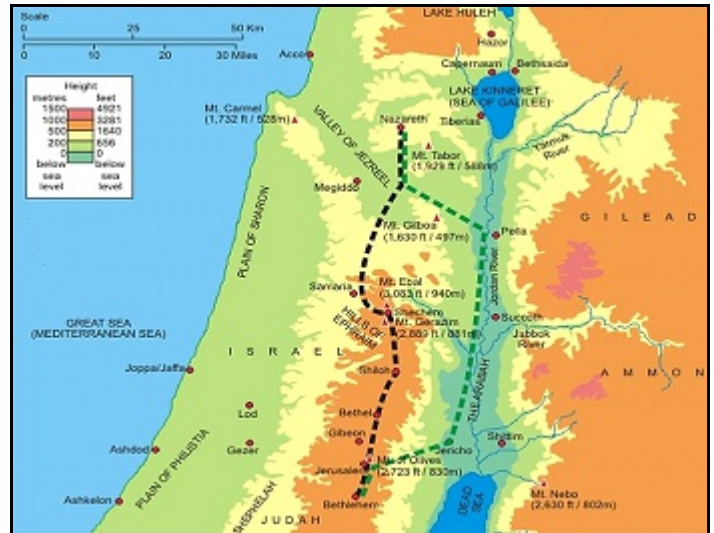
A. From Indignation (vs. 7-10)

“there came a woman of Samaria to draw water... (for His disciples had gone away into the city to buy food)”

“How is it that You, being a Jew, ask me for a drink? ...For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.”

“If you knew the gift of God, and who it is who says to you...”

“He would have given you living water”



B. To Indecision (vs. 11-14)

“Sir, You have nothing to draw with and the well is deep.”

“Where do you get that living water? You are not greater than our father Jacob, are You?
“Everyone who drinks of this water will thirst again; but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him shall never thirst”

“The water that I will give him will become in him a well of water springing up to eternal life.”

C. To Insulation (vs. 15-20)

“Sir, give me this water, so I will not be thirsty...”

“Go, call your husband and come here....” “I have no husband....” “You have correctly said...”

“You have had five husbands, and the one whom you now have is not your husband....”

“Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet.”

“Our fathers worshiped in this mountain, and you people say that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship”

III. THE DECLARATION CONCERNING SALVATION (4:21-26)

A. True Worship (vs. 21-24)

“Woman, believe Me, an hour is coming when neither in this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father.”

“You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know”

“salvation is from the Jews”

“An hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for such people the Father seeks to be His worshipers.”

“God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.”

B. True Messiah (vs. 25-26)

“I know that Messiah is coming (He who is called Christ); when that One comes, He will declare all things to us.”

“Jesus said to her, ‘I who speak to you am He.’”

Conclusion:

Food for Thought:

- 1) Jesus as willing to violate cultural taboos to talk to a sinful Samaritan woman. What cultural taboos might we encounter in sharing the gospel?
- 2) How much about Jesus does a person need to understand to be saved?
- 3) How can we help lost people to sense their desperate need for God when they seem so oblivious to that need?
- 4) What are some practical ways for us as believers to worship God in spirit and truth? What are some ways in which evangelical Christians may worship God falsely?