

(10) Leaves for Galilee (John 4:1-4)

1. Jesus became aware of the Pharisees hostile monitoring of His disciples training ministry (Jn. 4:1).
 - a. He supervised His disciples baptism ministry (Jn. 4:2).
 - b. This ministry was producing many repentant believers prepared for the kingdom. Along with the wide open door for ministry came the adversaries (1st Cor. 16:9).
2. Jesus chose to relocate to Galilee (Jn. 4:3). This decision was made in accordance with the Divine Guidance He constantly sought and received from God the Father (Jn. 5:30).
 - a. He chose the direct, rapid, and unusual route through Samaria (Jn. 4:4).
 - b. This “escape” from Judea coincided with John the Baptist’s arrest (Matt. 4:12).
 - c. When the hour is at hand, Jesus will not hinder his arrest (Jn. 18:11-12), but until that time He will not permit Himself to be arrested (Jn. 7:30; 8:20).