

## (11) Samaritan Woman at Jacob's Well (John 4:5-42)

1. What begins as an apparent “chance” encounter (Jn. 4:5-7), quickly becomes a very fruitful ministry (Jn. 4:40-43).
2. Sychar is identified with Shechem in the Old Testament (Gen. 33:18-20; 48:22; Josh. 24:32; Acts 7:16).
3. Jesus was physically tired due to the circumstances of His hasty travel out of Judea (Jn. 4:6). Perf.act.ptc. κοπιῶ κοπιαῶ <sup>#2872</sup><sub>23x</sub>; *to grow weary, tired, exhausted.*
4. A lone Samaritan woman came out to draw water (Jn. 4:7a). Another well on the west side of the city was closer. No other women are coming out with this woman.
5. The Samaritans were a mixed race of Gentiles and idolatrous Jews (2<sup>nd</sup> Kgs. 17:24-41 cf. 1<sup>st</sup> Kgs. 12:25-33; Ezra 4:2-3).
6. Jesus Christ engages in this conversation from the standpoint of prophetic foresight (Jn. 4:10). He knew that this woman would have positive volition to the Gospel message.
7. He asks her for a drink of water, and His willingness to ignore racial and gender barriers is of great interest to this woman (Jn. 4:7,9).
8. Jesus speaks to this woman in spiritual terms, but she only hears Him in earthly terms (Jn. 4:10-15).
9. Just as He did with Nicodemus, Jesus Christ is faithfully contrasting the earthly with the heavenly, as He describes the source of eternal life (Jn. 4:13-14 cf. Jn. 3:3-15).
10. The woman is skeptical and sarcastic, with no thought whatsoever in the spiritual realm (Jn. 4:15), so Jesus wakes her up with a prophetic dose of reality (Jn. 4:16-18).
11. The woman is neither offended nor alarmed at her immoralities being exposed.
  - a. She recognizes Jesus as a true prophet
  - b. She has an immediate and urgent question. Which mountain is the geographic will of God for approaching Him?
12. Jesus answered her with a prophetic (Jn. 4:21), and immediate application (Jn. 4:23). He also expressed two undeniable realities.
  - a. Israel is the steward nation for God on Earth (Jn. 4:22).
  - b. God's true worship occurs in the spiritual realm, and not in geographic terms (Jn. 4:24).
13. The Samaritan woman makes no indication that she comprehends what Jesus is saying, but she affirms that all her questions will be cleared up when the Messiah comes (Jn. 4:25).
14. The Samaritan woman is neither offended nor alarmed at Jesus' claim to be the Christ (Jn. 4:26).
  - a. She raced off in such haste that she left her water pot (Jn. 4:28).
  - b. She summoned the men of Sychar to investigate for themselves (Jn. 4:29-30).
15. While the woman is in the city, Jesus has the opportunity to give His disciples a prophetic dose of reality (Jn. 4:31-38).
16. Such was the positive-volition revival in Samaria, that Jesus delayed His “escape” for two full days (Jn. 4:39-43).