

Lesson - John 4:4-42 (NIV based)

THEME - Samaritan Woman At The Well

v.9 Who were the Samaritans and why did the Jews not associate with them? A: mixed race with some Hebrew blood; religious, political, & social animosity/rivalry

v.14 What is the water Jesus is talking about: salvation?; or the regenerating, indwelling Holy Spirit - see Jn. 7:37-39, the "gift" is salvation, "living water" could be the Holy Spirit - regenerating effect and satisfying the emptiness/longing (Tit. 3:4-7)

v.15 the woman's reaction

v.16 Did Jesus ask a baited question? Why? A: to demonstrate His omniscience

v.18 Was it O.K. for her to have 5 husbands?

v.20 Samaritan temple built on Mt. Gerizim 409 B.C.; destroyed in 130 B.C. but the Samaritans still regarded the mount as sacred

v.21 Is the place of worship a critical issue to Jesus and the Father?

v.22 Why is salvation from the Jews?

vv.23-24 How do we worship in "spirit and truth"? A: as opposed to worshipping from habit or obligation with ritual in a temple or sacred building

Where is God's temple now? A: in our hearts

v.27 Why were the disciples surprised? Why didn't anyone ask?

vv.32-38 What is happening while Jesus is talking to His disciples? A: see v.30

vv.36-38 What is Jesus talking about here? Why? A: to train and educated His new disciples about becoming fishers of men - their call to follow Him

v.40 What was the people's response to Jesus? A: honor & belief - see v.44

v.42 What kind of testimony & influence did the woman have? How did she get this influence?

What title did they give Jesus?

How does the Samaritans response to a less-dramatic miracle differ from the Jews response to dramatic healings (Jews accused Him of being demon-possessed)?

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