

1-3 Background (Jesus departs from Jerusalem to Galilee through Samaria)

(16)¹ When therefore the Lord knew how the Pharisees had heard that Jesus made and baptized more disciples than John,² (Though Jesus Himself baptized not, but His disciples,) ³ He left Judaea, and departed again into Galilee.

Note: This is after a few months of ministry. Compare with Nicodemus in John 3.

4-6 A Divine Encounter: The Right Time and the Right Place and the Right People

⁴ And He must needs go through Samaria. ⁵ Then He comes to a city of Samaria, which is called Sychar, near to the parcel of ground that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. ⁶ Now Jacob's well was there. Jesus therefore, being wearied with [his] journey, sat thus on the well: [and] it was about the sixth hour.

Note: Sychar is Shechem, one of the capitals of Samaria in the divided kingdom of Israel. Is this encounter human freewill or divine providence? The sixth hour is 12 am Roman time.

7-9 Relate (cross race and gender, cultural barriers)

(17)⁷ There comes a woman of Samaria to draw water: Jesus said unto her, **Give Me to drink.** ⁸ (For His disciples were gone away unto the city to buy meat.) ⁹ Then said the woman of Samaria unto Him, How is it that You, being a Jew, ask drink of me, which am a woman of Samaria? for the Jews have no dealings with the Samaritans.

Note: Jesus begins and ends the conversation speaking 7x and the woman 6x.

10-15 Create (interest)

¹⁰ Jesus answered and said unto her, **If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that said to you, Give Me to drink; you would have asked Him, and He would have given you living water.** ¹¹ The woman said unto Him, Sir, You have nothing to draw with, and the well is deep: from where then have You that living water? ¹² Are You greater than our father Jacob, which gave us the well, and drank thereof himself, and his children, and his cattle? ¹³ Jesus answered and said unto her, **Whosoever drinks of this water shall thirst again: ¹⁴ But whosoever drinks of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life.** ¹⁵ The woman said unto Him, Sir, give me this water, that I thirst not, neither come here to draw.

16-20 Convict (of sin, need a doctor)

(18)¹⁶ Jesus said unto her, **Go, call your husband, and come here.** ¹⁷ The woman answered and said, I have no husband. Jesus said unto her, **You have well said, I have no husband: ¹⁸ For you have had five husbands; and he whom you now have is not your husband: in that you said truly.** ¹⁹ The woman said unto Him, Sir, I perceive that You are a prophet. ²⁰ Our fathers worshipped in this mountain; and ye say, that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship.

21-26 Reveal (Jesus is God)

²¹ Jesus said unto her, **Woman, believe Me, the hour comes, when ye shall neither in this mountain, nor yet at Jerusalem, worship the Father. ²² Ye worship ye know not what: we know what we worship: for salvation is of the Jews. ²³ But the hour comes, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeks such to worship him. ²⁴ God [is] a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship [him] in spirit and in truth.** ²⁵ The woman said unto Him, I know that Messiah comes, which is called Christ: when He is come, He will tell us all things. ²⁶ Jesus said unto her, **I that speak unto you Am.**

Note: I Am is the title of the God of Israel first mentioned in Exodus 3. Notice the events before God reveals Himself as "I Am that I Am." Moses is with family in the desert at a mountain, an angel appears and God speaks to Moses at a burning bush that is not consumed, and tells Moses to take off his shoes because he is standing on holy ground. Then God responds to Moses question, who shall I say sent me? Gods reply is I Am.

27 His Disciples Return with Meat

(19)²⁷ And upon this came His disciples, and marvelled that He talked with the woman: yet no man said, What do You seek? or, Why do You talk with her?

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28-30 The Woman's Witness Adds Many Believers (also 39-42, 1 Thessalonians 1)

²⁸ The **woman** then left her waterpot, and went her way into the city, and said to the men, ²⁹ Come, see a man, which told me all things that ever I did: **is not this the Christ?** ³⁰ Then they went out of the city, and came unto Him.

31-38 Disciples Learn the Value of Witnessing (sowing and reaping, 1 Corinthians 3:6-15)

(20) ³¹ Meanwhile His **disciples** prayed Him, saying, Master, eat. ³² **But he said unto them, I have meat to eat that ye know not of.** ³³ Therefore said the **disciples** one to another, Has any man brought him [anything] to eat? ³⁴ **Jesus said unto them, My meat is to do the will of Him that sent Me, and to finish His work.** ³⁵ **Say not ye, There are yet four months, and [then] comes harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest.** ³⁶ And he that reaps receives wages, and gathers fruit unto life eternal: that both he that sows and he that reaps may rejoice together. ³⁷ And herein is that saying true, One sows, and another reaps. ³⁸ I sent you to reap that whereon ye bestowed no labor: other men labored, and ye are entered into their labors.

Note: verse 34 "work" is ergon in Greek for the end goal, compared with "labor" in verse 38 for toil, weariness in reaching that goal.

39-42 Jesus Adds Many More Believers (1st evangelistic campaign - to the gentiles)

³⁹ And many of the Samaritans of that city believed on Him for the saying of the woman, which testified, He told me all that ever I did. ⁴⁰ So when the Samaritans were come unto Him, they besought Him that He would tarry with them: and He abode there two days. ⁴¹ And many more believed because of His own word; ⁴² And said unto the woman, Now we believe, not because of thy saying: for we have heard [Him] ourselves, and know that this is indeed the Christ, the Savior of the world.