

Chapter 4

- v. 4 **Must needs** — Jesus has gone from Jerusalem (2:23), to Judea (3:22), and now to Samaria. This text pictures the Church Age and the Great Commission (Acts 1:8).
- v. 6 **Wearied** — Jesus was physically wearied, showing His humanity. His example to us shows He was willing to expend Himself for others.
- v. 7 **Give me** — Jesus knows how to get her attention as He attempts to engage in conversation with her. Jesus asks for water twice in the Scriptures and is denied both times.
- v. 9 She must have known He was a Jew by His appearance. This is a **social** argument.
Samaritans — See 2 Kings 17:5, 6, 24-28. They were half-breeds who learned the Jewish religion. Jesus was no respecter of persons and would talk to anyone.

Chapter 3

Nicodemus

Jew

Man

Learned

High class

Rich

Recognized Jesus

Chapter 4

Samaritan Woman

Samaritan

Woman

Ignorant

Outcast

Poor

Did not recognize Jesus

- v. 10 **Asked of him** — Jesus sometimes spoke of Himself in the third person — John 3:16; “upon this rock,” etc.
Living water — Proverbs 25:25; John 7:38; Revelation 22:1.
- v. 11 She’s thinking physical. This is a **skeptical** argument.
- v. 12 This is a **religious** argument.
- v. 13 **Thirst again** — The rich man in Hell had everything, but will thirst forever (Luke 16:24).
- v. 14 **Never thirst** — Those who know Christ will be satisfied spiritually and physically — they will never thirst in eternity.
- v. 15 **Give me** — She still doesn’t get it — it reminds one of JW’s, 7th Day Adventist, Mormons, Roman Catholic Church, etc.

- v. 16 Jesus goes another route and hits the heart of the matter. He knows she must confront her sin and repent. See Proverbs 28:13; Luke 13:3; 2 Corinthians 7:9, 10. People must see they're lost before they can get saved. See Luke 18:18-24 for a similar dealing Jesus had.
- v. 18 **He whom thou now hast** — By saying this was not her husband, Jesus recognizes that a marriage is more than the physical relationship.
- v. 19 **I perceive** — This woman had more sense than many who say Christ was just a man.
- v. 20 The woman changes the subject to a religious conversation. This is a **doctrinal** argument.
- v. 21 **Woman** — He addresses this adulterous woman the same way He did His mother. He talks more theology with her than the Pharisees. See also Matthew 21:31.
- v. 22 In other words, you don't know what you're talking about.
We — The Jews. Salvation is of the Jews first.
- v. 23 **In spirit** — It's not a place to worship.
- v. 24 **A spirit** — One of many. In spirit and in truth would mean whole heartedly, all of you applying God's word. New bibles leave out "a" making all spirits God.
- v. 25 The average person of the day seemed to know about the Messiah.
- v. 26 **I** — Jesus made no bones about it, He is the Messiah, the Son of God. See also John 9:35-37; Mark 14:61, 62. Notice how Jesus got on common ground with this woman concerning water, sin, religion and who He is.
- v. 28 **Left** — She forgot about the water and was now concerned about her spirituality. When you find Christ, your focus changes.
- v. 29 **Come, see a man** — Salvation produces proclaimers who are not ashamed. See Psalm 107:2; Romans 1:16; Matthew 5:15, 16; Philippians 2:15, 16.
- v. 32 Here comes the spiritual conversation again.
- v. 33 They think the physical again.
- v. 35 **Lift up your eyes** — He's no doubt referring to the men of verse 30.
- v. 36 **Rejoice** — There is a crown of rejoicing for soul winners (1 Thessalonians 2:19, 20). Those are the wages He's speaking of.

- v. 37 **One soweth** — See Ecclesiastes 11:1-6; 1 Corinthians 3:6-9.
- v. 38 **No labour** — This would be leading someone to Christ at the altar, etc.
- v. 39 The woman is responsible for these conversions because she witnessed. Our testimony is the most powerful tool we have to offer people.
- v. 40 **Two days** — He's with Gentiles two days or 2,000 years.
- v. 41 **Many more** — You never know of the domino effect of soul winning. They see a revival here.
- v. 42 **We believe** — You must try Christ yourself to fully comprehend.
- v. 43 He goes back to the Jews after two days.
- v. 44 **Own country** — Witnessing to family, friends, etc.
- v. 45 **Received him** — This is His second visit to Galilee and they receive Him, a picture of the Millennial Reign. This comes after the two days with Gentiles (Church Age).
- v. 48 He was probably testing this man.
- v. 54 This was a long distance healing that went unobserved — no signs or wonders. It is faith that pleases God.