Purpose: John 20:30-31

Therefore many other signs Jesus also performed in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these have been written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing you may have life in His name.
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Discipleship
Leaving for Galilee
John 4:1-6

1Therefore when the Lord knew that the Pharisees had heard that Jesus was making and baptizing more disciples than John
2(although Jesus Himself was not baptizing, but His disciples were),
3He left Judea and went away again into Galilee. 4And He had to pass through Samaria. 5So He came to a city of Samaria called Sychar, near the parcel of ground that Jacob gave to his son Joseph; 6and Jacob’s well was there. So Jesus, being weariest from His journey, was sitting thus by the well. It was about the sixth hour.

• Jesus wasn’t the One baptizing, but the disciples were
• Second trip to Galilee
• It may have been safer in Galilee
• Sychar may be Shechem
Jesus and the Samaritan woman
John 4:7-10

7There came a woman of Samaria to draw water. Jesus said to her, “Give Me a drink.” 8For His disciples had gone away into the city to buy food. 9Therefore the Samaritan woman said to Him, “How is it that You, being a Jew, ask me for a drink since I am a Samaritan woman?” (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.) 10Jesus answered and said to her, “If you knew the gift of God, and who it is who says to you, ‘Give Me a drink,’ you would have asked Him, and He would have given you living water.”

• Gift of God = the One speaking
• Living water – not stagnant or from a cistern
Jesus and the Samaritan woman
John 4:11-14

11She said to Him, “Sir, You have nothing to draw with and the well is deep; where then do You get that living water? 12You are not greater than our father Jacob, are You, who gave us the well, and drank of it himself and his sons and his cattle?” 13Jesus answered and said to her, “Everyone who drinks of this water will thirst again; 14but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him shall never thirst; but the water that I will give him will become in him a well of water springing up to eternal life.”

• The Samaritans claimed descent from Jacob
• Jesus shows He is not talking about physical water
• Living water becomes a well
Jesus and the Samaritan woman
John 4:15-19

15The woman said to Him, “Sir, give me this water, so I will not be thirsty nor come all the way here to draw.” 16He said to her, “Go, call your husband and come here.” 17The woman answered and said, “I have no husband.” Jesus said to her, “You have correctly said, ‘I have no husband’; for you have had five husbands, and the one whom you now have is not your husband; this you have said truly.” 19The woman said to Him, “Sir, I perceive that You are a prophet.

* She wants the physical benefit, not the spiritual
* Jesus exposes her sin
* We cannot have eternal life on our own terms
* This knowledge indicated Jesus was more than just a man
Jesus and the Samaritan woman  
John 4:20-23

20 Our fathers worshiped in this mountain, and you *people* say that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship.”  
21 Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe Me, an hour is coming when neither in this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father.  
22 You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews.  
23 But an hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for such people the Father seeks to be His worshipers.

- Discussion of worship
- Components of true worship
  - The Father
  - In spirit
  - In truth
- The Father seeks worshipers
Jesus and the Samaritan woman
John 4:24-26

24God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.” 25The woman said to Him, “I know that Messiah is coming (He who is called Christ); when that One comes, He will declare all things to us.” 26Jesus said to her, “I who speak to you am He.”

• God, being spirit, must be worshiped in spirit
• She has some concept of the Messiah
• “I am” statement
Conversation summary

**Jesus**
- Give me a drink.
- You should ask me for living water.
- Those drinking living water will never thirst.
- Call your husband.
- You have had five.
- Worship the Father in spirit and truth.
- I am.

**Samaritan woman**
- How can you ask me?
- Where can you get living water?
- Give me this water.
- I have no husband.
- Where is one to worship?
- The Messiah will explain.
The disciples and the harvest  
John 4:27-30

27 At this point His disciples came, and they were amazed that He had been speaking with a woman, yet no one said, “What do You seek?” or, “Why do You speak with her?” 28 So the woman left her waterpot, and went into the city and said to the men, 29 “Come, see a man who told me all the things that I have done; this is not the Christ, is it?” 30 They went out of the city, and were coming to Him.

• The disciples return
• The woman planned to come back
• A Samaritan missionary
The disciples and the harvest
John 4:31-35

31 Meanwhile the disciples were urging Him, saying, “Rabbi, eat.”
32 But He said to them, “I have food to eat that you do not know about.”
33 So the disciples were saying to one another, “No one brought Him anything to eat, did he?”
34 Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me and to accomplish His work.
35 Do you not say, ‘There are yet four months, and then comes the harvest’? Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes and look on the fields, that they are white for harvest.
The disciples and the harvest
John 4:36-38

36 Already he who reaps is receiving wages and is gathering fruit for life eternal; so that he who sows and he who reaps may rejoice together. 37 For in this case the saying is true, ‘One sows and another reaps.’ 38 I sent you to reap that for which you have not labored; others have labored and you have entered into their labor.”

• The sower and the reaper both rejoice
• There are different jobs that lead to the harvest
• The one who sows doesn’t always reap
Jesus and the Samaritans
John 4:39-42

39From that city many of the Samaritans believed in Him because of the word of the woman who testified, “He told me all the things that I have done.” 40So when the Samaritans came to Jesus, they were asking Him to stay with them; and He stayed there two days. 41Many more believed because of His word; 42and they were saying to the woman, “It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves and know that this One is indeed the Savior of the world.”

• The woman’s testimony was effective
• There are no recorded miracles, just words
• Not just the savior of the Jews
Importance of belief in John
Arrival in Galilee
John 4:43-45

43 After the two days He went forth from there into Galilee.
44 For Jesus Himself testified that a prophet has no honor in his own country. 45 So when He came to Galilee, the Galileans received Him, having seen all the things that He did in Jerusalem at the feast; for they themselves also went to the feast.

• Returning to 4:1-6
• Jesus is initially received well
• Received for what He did, not who He was
Jesus’ second miracle
John 4:46-49

46 Therefore He came again to Cana of Galilee where He had made the water wine. And there was a royal official whose son was sick at Capernaum. 47 When he heard that Jesus had come out of Judea into Galilee, he went to Him and was imploring Him to come down and heal his son; for he was at the point of death. 48 So Jesus said to him, “Unless you people see signs and wonders, you simply will not believe.” 49 The royal official said to Him, “Sir, come down before my child dies.”

• The official may not have been a Jew
• Jesus rebukes the people for their desire for signs
• The second request is more forceful
Jesus’ second miracle
John 4:50-54

50 Jesus said to him, “Go; your son lives.” The man believed the word that Jesus spoke to him and started off. 51 As he was now going down, his slaves met him, saying that his son was living. 52 So he inquired of them the hour when he began to get better. Then they said to him, “Yesterday at the seventh hour the fever left him.” 53 So the father knew that it was at that hour in which Jesus said to him, “Your son lives”; and he himself believed and his whole household. 54 This is again a second sign that Jesus performed when He had come out of Judea into Galilee.

• Long distance miracle
• The word was believed, not a sign
• The man believed twice
Summary

• There are obligations for all children of God
• The Father must be worshiped in spirit and truth
• Jesus is the Messiah, the Savior of the world
• Jesus’ food was to do the Father’s will