

The Savior of the World

Lesson 4: John 4

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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.

Review

- 1:1-18 Prologue
- 1:19-4:54 Start of ministry
- 5-17 Teaching
 - 5-12 Increase of unbelief
 - 13-17 Increase of faith
- 18-21 Response
 - 18-19 Culmination of unbelief
 - 20-21 Culmination of faith

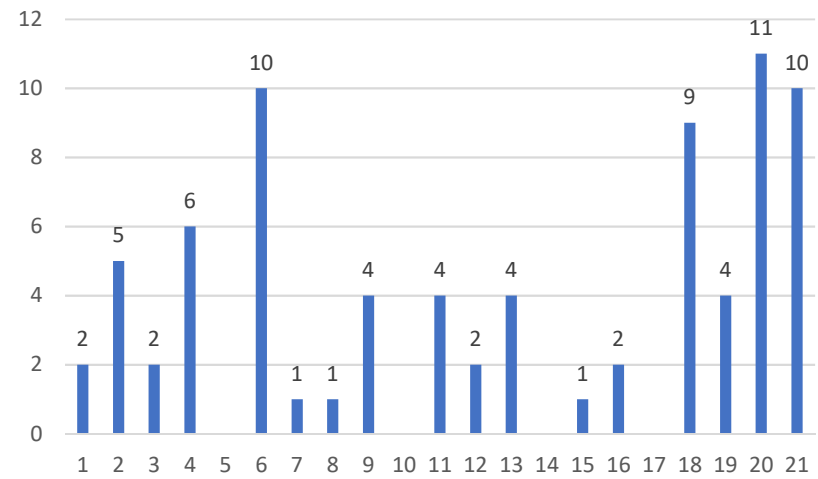
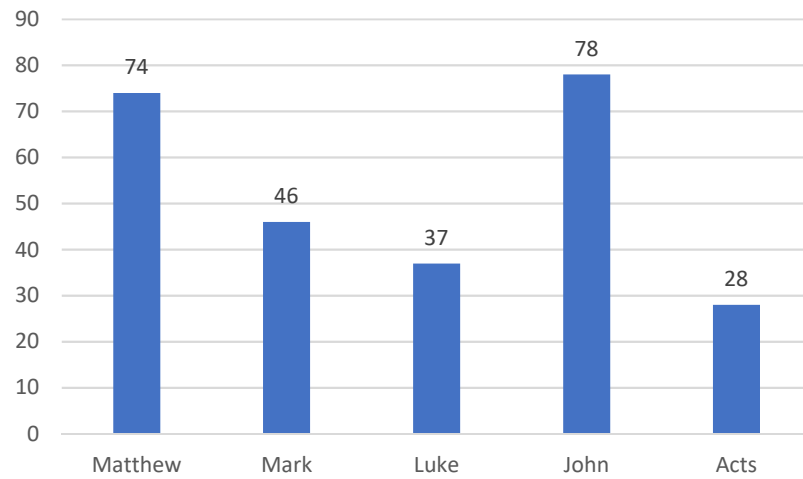
The signs

- 2:1-12 Water into wine
- 4:46-54 Healing of nobleman's son
- 5:1-17 Healing at Bethesda
- 6:1-14 Feeding of the 5,000
- 6:15-21 Jesus walks on water
- 9:1-41 Healing of the man born blind
- 11:17-45 Resurrection of Lazarus
- 20:1-18 Resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ
- 21:4-8 Miraculous catch of fish

Outline

- 1-45 Jesus in Samaria
 - 1-6 Leaving for Galilee
 - 7-26 Jesus and the Samaritan woman
 - 7-15 Living water
 - 16-26 True worship
 - 27-38 The disciples and the harvest
 - 39-42 Jesus and the Samaritans
 - 43-45 Arrival in Galilee
- 46-54 Jesus' second miracle
 - 46-50 The request granted
 - 51-54 Faith confirmed

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 wearied 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’; ¹⁸for 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

²⁰Our fathers worshiped in this mountain, and you *people* say that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship.”

²¹Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe Me, an hour is coming when neither in this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. ²²You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³But 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

²⁷At 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?” ²⁸So 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?” ³⁰They 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

³¹Meanwhile the disciples were urging Him, saying, “Rabbi, eat.”
³²But He said to them, “I have food to eat that you do not know about.” ³³So the disciples were saying to one another, “No one brought Him *anything* to eat, did he?” ³⁴Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me and to accomplish His work. ³⁵Do 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 also don't understand Jesus
- Man doesn't live on bread alone
- Jesus always sought to please the Father

The disciples and the harvest John 4:36-38

³⁶Already 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. ³⁷For in this *case* the saying is true, 'One sows and another reaps.' ³⁸I 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

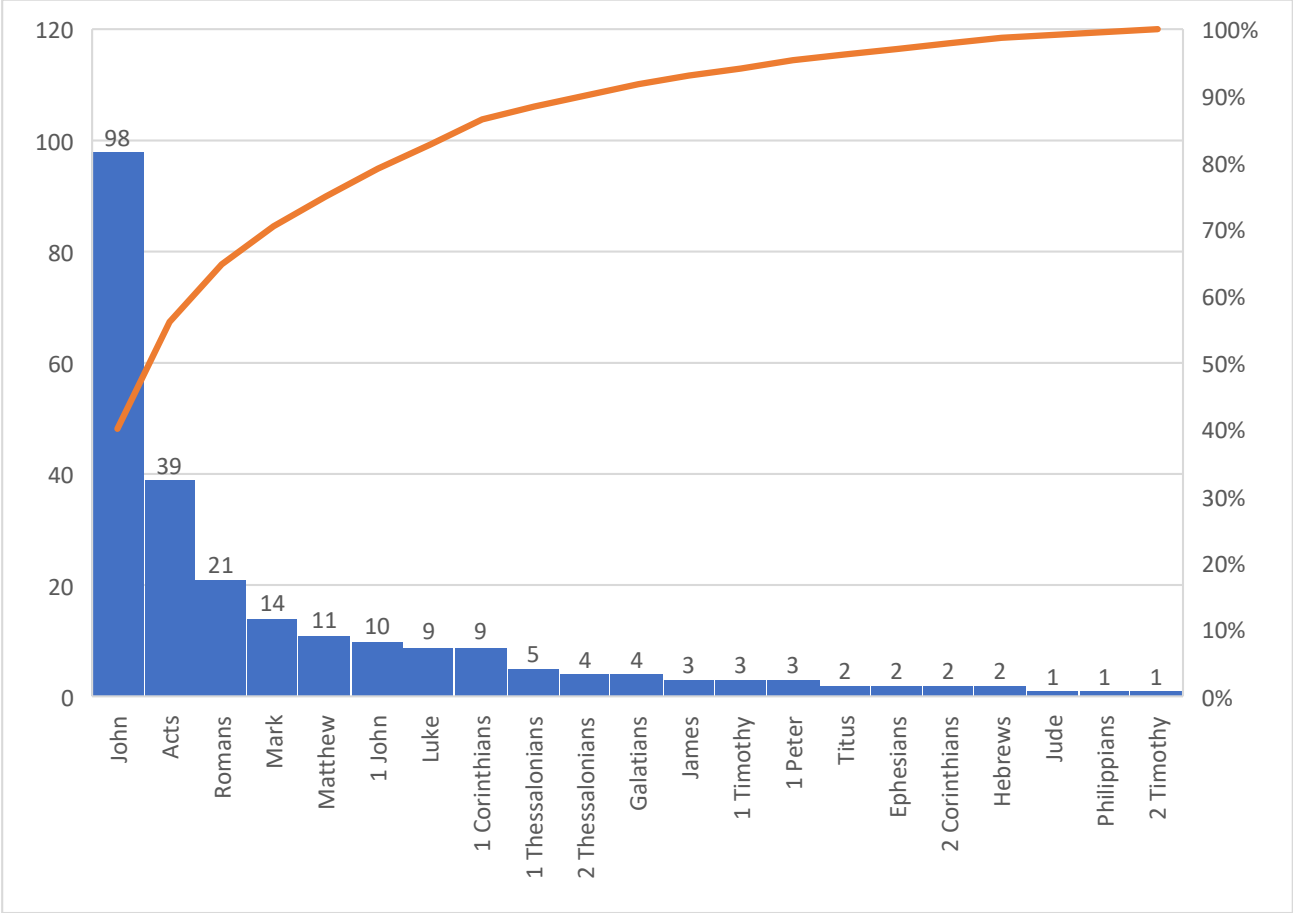
Jesus and the Samaritans

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

⁴³After the two days He went forth from there into Galilee.

⁴⁴For Jesus Himself testified that a prophet has no honor in his own country. ⁴⁵So 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

⁴⁶Therefore 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. ⁴⁷When 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. ⁴⁸So Jesus said to him, "Unless you *people* see signs and wonders, you *simply* will not believe." ⁴⁹The 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

⁵⁰Jesus said to him, "Go; your son lives." The man believed the word that Jesus spoke to him and started off. ⁵¹As he was now going down, *his* slaves met him, saying that his son was living. ⁵²So 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." ⁵³So 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. ⁵⁴This 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