

Jesus and the Woman of Samaria – Part Two (4:15-26)

The woman fails to comprehend the nature of the living water and does not realize her need for it. Jesus shows her that she ought to be thirsting for righteousness.

Pre-Class Questions

1. Is the woman's answer sincere?
2. Why does Jesus change the subject?
3. What made the woman say, "I have no husband"?
4. Why did the woman ask about the place of worship?
5. How is salvation "from the Jews"?
6. What is worship "in spirit and truth"?

Paraphrase

Summary

Prayer

Outline of Chapter Four

II. The Word Manifested to the Jews, and Their Rejection of Him 1:19—12:50 (cont.)

B. The Public Ministry — First Year 2:13—4:54 (cont.)

4. Labors in Samaria 4:1-42

a. Withdrawal from Judea — arrival in Samaria 4:1-6

b. Jesus and the living water 4:7-14

c. Jesus searches out a woman's secret 4:15-18

d. True worshippers of God 4:19-26

e. Spontaneous evangelism 4:27-30

f. Fields white unto harvest 4:31-38

g. Reaping the harvest 4:39-42

5. Labors in Galilee 4:43-54

a. Public teaching in Galilee 4:43-45 (cf. Mt. 4:17; Mk. 1:14; Lk. 4:14)

b. Healing a nobleman's son at Capernaum 4:46-54

In-Class Questions

1. How does the woman interpret Jesus' "living water"?
2. What two things does the truth of God reveal?
3. What must a person recognize before one may be saved?
4. How does the woman react when Jesus reveals her sin?
5. What is the significance of Jesus' answer (v. 17-18)?
6. What motive do you think the woman had for asking the question about the proper place of worship (v. 20)?
7. Who were correct — according to the Old Testament — the Jews or the Samaritans? Why?
8. Why were the Samaritans worshipping in ignorance?
9. When did the "hour come" that God's people were no longer required to worship in one place?
10. What is worshipping "in spirit and truth"?