

Early Judean Ministry—Jesus Decides to Leave Judea (November/December 30)

Matthew 4:12	Mark 1:14a	Luke 4:14a	John 4:1–3
<p>12 Now <i>when he</i> heard that John had been arrested,</p> <p>he withdrew</p> <p>into Galilee.</p>	<p>14a And after John had been taken into custody,</p> <p>Jesus</p> <p>went into Galilee</p>	<p>14a And Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit to Galilee,</p>	<p>1 Now when Jesus</p> <p>knew that the Pharisees had heard that Jesus was making and baptizing more disciples than John</p> <p>2 (although Jesus himself was not baptizing, but his disciples),</p> <p>3 he left Judea and departed again for Galilee.</p>

Through Samaria—The Woman at the Well (November/December 30 – 2 days in Sychar)

John 4:4–42

At the Town of Sychar

4 And it was necessary *for* him to go through Samaria.

5 Now he came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the piece of land that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. [[Gen 48:21–22](#)]

6 And Jacob’s well was there, so Jesus, *because he* had become tired from the journey, simply sat down at the well. It was about the sixth hour.

Jesus’ Conversation with the Samaritan Woman

7 A woman of Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, “Give me *water* to drink.”

8 (For his disciples had gone away into the town so that they could buy food.)

9 So the Samaritan woman said to him, “How do you, being a Jew, ask from me *water* to drink, *since I* am a Samaritan woman?” (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.)

10 Jesus answered and said to her, “If you had known the gift of God and who it is who says to you, ‘Give me *water* to drink,’ you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.”

11 The woman said to him, “Sir, you have no bucket and the well is deep! From where then do you get this living water?”

12 You are not greater than our father Jacob, *are you*, who gave us the well and drank from it himself, and his sons and his livestock?”

13 Jesus answered and said to her, “Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again.

14 But whoever drinks of this water which I will give to him will never be thirsty for eternity, but the water which I will give to him will become in him a well of water springing up to eternal life.” [cf. [Isa 55:1–3](#)]

15 The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water, so that I will not be thirsty or come here to draw *water*!”

16 He said to her, “Go, call your husband and come here.”

17 The woman answered and said to him, “I do not have a husband.” Jesus said to her, “You have said rightly, ‘I do not have a husband,’

18 for you have had five husbands, and *the one* whom you have now is not your husband; this you have said truthfully!”

19 The woman said to him, “Sir, I see that you are a prophet.

20 Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, [cf. [Gen 12:6–7](#); [33:18–20](#); [Deut 11:29](#)] and you *people* say that in Jerusalem is the place where it is necessary to worship.”

21 Jesus said to her, “Believe me, woman, that an hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father.

22 You worship what you do not know. We worship what we know, because salvation is from the Jews.

23 But an hour is coming—and now is *here*—when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for indeed the Father seeks such *people to be* his worshipers.

24 God *is* spirit, and the ones who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.”

25 The woman said to him, “I know that Messiah is coming” (the one called Christ); “whenever that one comes, he will proclaim all *things* to us.”

26 Jesus said to her, “I, the one speaking to you, am *he*.”

The Disciples Return

27 And at this *point* his disciples came, and they were astonished that he was speaking with a woman. However, no one said, "What do you seek?" or "Why are you speaking with her?"

28 So the woman left her water jar and went away into the town and said to the people,

29 "Come, see a man who told me everything I have ever done! Perhaps this one is the Christ?"

30 They went out from the town and were coming to him.

Workers for the Harvest

31 In the meanwhile the disciples were asking him, saying, "Rabbi, eat *something!*"

32 But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about."

33 So the disciples began to say to one another, "No one brought him *anything* to eat, *did they?*"

34 Jesus said to them, "My food is that I do the will of the one who sent me and complete his work.

35 Do you not say, 'There are yet four months and the harvest comes'? Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes and look at the fields, that they are white for harvest already.

36 The one who reaps receives wages and gathers fruit for eternal life, in order that the one who sows and the one who reaps can rejoice together.

37 For in this *instance* the saying is true, 'It is one who sows and another who reaps.'

38 I sent you to reap what you did not work for; others have worked, and you have entered into their work."

The Samaritans Believe

39 Now from that town many of the Samaritans believed in him because of the word of the woman who testified, "He told me everything that I have done."

40 So when the Samaritans came to him, they began asking him to stay with them. And he stayed there two days.

41 And many more believed because of his word,

42 And they were saying to the woman, "No longer because of what you said do we believe, for we ourselves have heard, and we know that this one is truly the Savior of the world!"

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