

FOLLOWING THE MESSAGE

- 1.) v 27 The disciples were “Amazed” to see Jesus speaking with a woman because it was a **BREACH** of societal norms.
- 2.) v 28 It was unlikely the leaders of Sychar would accept theological information from a woman, especially of her background. Rather than telling the men what to do, she wisely **CAUSED** them to want to investigate.
- 3.) In v 33 we see the disciples preoccupied with their lunch. They’ve gone to considerable effort to obtain food, however, what they worked for has become a **DISTRACTION** to the larger issue unfolding.
- 4.) v 34 Jesus did not look on the Father’s Will as **HEAVY**, rather, He viewed His work as **NOURISHMENT** and fuel for His mission.
- 5.) v 34 The Will of God: doing what you know to do through **HIS WORD**.
- 6.) v 35 Jesus is making it clear; when it comes to telling the news of **SALVATION**, there is NO need to wait as the harvest is ready now.
- 7.) v 36-38 is a **VALUABLE LESSON** for everyone in the church in that it reminds us we’re not alone in the work of the Lord.
- 8.) v 41 tells us that people come to understand God and enter into a relationship with Him when **HIS WORD** is clearly explained to them.
- 9.) v 41 The Samaritans, who had rejected whole **WORD**, now receive it because of how it’s **DELIVERED**.
- 10.) v 42 The people of the city state publicly they are believers in Jesus. The **SCOPE** of their **UNDERSTANDING** is very clear in the statement “*He is... Savior of the world*”.

GREEK WORDS USED TODAY

**Thaumazo** (thou-mad'-zo); to *wonder*; by implication:- admire, have in admiration, marvel

**Chara** (khar-ah') *cheerfulness, delight* :- gladness, × greatly, (× be exceeding) joy (-ful)

FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

It is interesting to trace the movements that brought Jesus to this place: He was in Jerusalem (John 2:23) then in Judea (John 3:22) then into Samaria (John 4:4), and there the Samaritans declared Him to be “*the Savior of the world*.”

Parallel this action with Acts 1:8 — “...and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth.” He clearly modeled the principle for us.

Where is God’s Spirit nudging you right now as you ponder this encounter?

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What are you willing to do without so that the gospel can be shared with those who are destined for an eternity in hell?

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1) This passage exposes our own priorities regarding self-interests -vs- God’s interests. *Am I willing to forego a meal, an evening w/out TV, a bigger house, a more affluent lifestyle, so that God’s work might be advanced?*

Start by talking to people where they are, in terms of things they understand, and that they know they need... move from these matters to the deeper issues. Earn the right to do this, it will take more time that it took Jesus.

2) Is your view of God big enough? *Can He STILL call an entire city to Jesus so they can recognize him as “Savior of the world”?*

- How might Sychar have looked different the week after Jesus left than the week before he came?
- How might things look different if everyone in your city came to Jesus?