

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Why did Jesus go through Samaria?
2. Discuss the method Jesus used to get the woman's attention and to make her see her need.
3. Are the methods Jesus used practical today?
4. What can we learn from this account that can make us better soul winners?
5. How do we know the woman started a new life?

SUMMARY:

Contrary to usual practices of the Jews, Jesus—in obedience to an impelling urgency from within—passed through Samaria on His way to Galilee. Walking in the leading of God, contact was made with a woman of Samaria who was in dire need of a new life. Her old life evidently had led her to a point where the need of help was recognized. It is interesting to see how Jesus began speaking of material things and then quickly used the material to illustrate the spiritual. The woman, evidently convicted of her sin and comparing in her mind the life she had with the life she *could* have, said, “Sir, give me this water, that I thirst not . . .” We have here an example of Jesus winning a soul for His kingdom. Perhaps we could learn how to be more useful in His hand by considering the methods He used in leading this woman of Samaria to a new life.

NOTES:

APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Bible Lesson #4

January 25, 2026

First Quarter

A NEW LIFE

LESSON TEXT: John 4:1-42

LESSON SETTING: At Jacob's well near Sychar in Samaria.

TIME: Approximately 30 A. D.

I. **CONTACT ESTABLISHED.** John 4:1-9

- A. Impelled to Go (vs. 4) Jeremiah 20:9; Acts 9:10-11; 10:20; 1 Corinthians 9:16
- B. Initiative Exercised (vs. 7) Luke 19:5; Acts 8:30

II. **CONVICTION PRODUCED.** John 4:10-26

- A. Opportunity Used (vs. 10) Acts 8:35; 16:27-32
- B. Help Offered (vs. 14) Matthew 11:28; Luke 8:50
- C. Need Recognized (vs. 15) Acts 8:31, 9:6

III. **CONVERSION DEMONSTRATED.** John 4:27-42

- A. Forsook Carnal for Spiritual (vs. 28) Mark 1:18; Luke 5:27-28; 14:33
- B. Confessed Jesus to Others (vs. 39) Luke 5:25; 8:39; John 1:41-45; Acts 5:42
- C. Result: Others Believed (vs. 42) Acts 2:40-41; Acts 8:36-38; 16:33-34

GOLDEN TEXT: *WHOSOEVER DRINKETH OF THE WATER THAT I SHALL GIVE HIM SHALL NEVER THIRST.* John 4:14

NEXT SUNDAY'S LESSON: John 4:43-54
SUPPLEMENTAL REFERENCES: 2 Kings 4:18-37

QUARTERLY THEME: Christ, The Son of God

TOPIC: FAITH REWARDED

INTRODUCTION:

This nobleman certainly had faith in Jesus' power. He had no doubts even when Jesus told him "Except ye see signs and wonders, ye will not believe." The nobleman only answered, "Sir, come down ere my child die." He did not place his faith in signs, only in Jesus.

Can we truthfully say we place our faith in Jesus and need no signs? How often have we prayed for someone's healing and our prayers were not granted? Was our faith weak? Were we looking for a sign? The Lord always answers our prayers, but not always as we wish. Our faith must be such that we know that whatever His answer is, it's for our good even if we can't understand. He will supply the grace and strength to accept the answer. Often in denying our prayer, He has a greater blessing in store for us, which at the time of our request we could not see. He also wishes to mold us into His own image and in so doing must say "no"! Can it be we are sometimes more anxious to receive a miracle than we are to serve our Lord?

CENTRAL TRUTH: Faith in Christ produces anticipation, assurance, and results!

GOLDEN TEXT: *BLESSED IS THE MAN THAT TRUSTETH IN THE LORD AND WHOSE HOPE THE LORD IS.* Jeremiah 17:7

The communion which man can have with God is a mutual fellowship. Perhaps the two men who were nearest to God were Adam before he disobeyed, and Enoch who sought God with his whole life. It is written about both of these individuals that they "walked with God". Jeremiah knew the blessings which belong to those who would live close to their Creator and to those in "whose hope the Lord is."

Jesus always asked those who desired His help or healing to display some "work of faith," thus making them His partners in God's work. So when He said, "Go thy way; thy son liveth," the nobleman believed and his faith was rewarded.

Jesus does not ask us to work for faith, but when faith is given by grace, He desires works of faith in us.

Thou art my faith's secure foundation;
The living Vine of my salvation;
My hope and trust in Thee I plant.
In times when trying woes assail me,
O let Thy presence never fail me;
Confirm me in Thy covenant.

Z.H. 62:1

DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF Jan. 26 – Feb. 1

Mon. Faith Defined. Hebrews 11:1-10
Tue. Faith Tested. Hebrews 11:17-28
Wed. Faith Triumphant. Hebrews 11:32-40
Thu. Faith Advocated. Hebrews 12:1-13
Fri. Faith Proved. 2 Kings 4:18-37
Sat. *Faith Challenged. John 4:43-48
Sun. *Faith Rewarded. John 4:49-54

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