

INTRODUCING JESUS

Guide to Sharing Jesus Through the Gospel of John

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Chapter 4: The Revelation Continues

A Rejected Woman (1-42)

1. 1-8 What does v 6 tell us about the humanity of Jesus? _____
What does Jesus' talking to this loose-living foreign woman tell us about Jesus? (7) _____

Do you think that Jesus asks for a drink because He is thirsty, or because He wants to start a conversation? (7) _____
In what ways is the Samaritan woman the exact opposite of Nicodemus? (9, 18, 20) _____

2. 9-15 How does Jesus turn a request for a drink into a spiritual conversation? (10) _____
What do you think Jesus means by "living water?" (10) _____
How does the concept of living water point to Jesus' real identity as the Messiah? _____

How can "living water" become "a well of water springing up to eternal life?" (14) _____

3. 16-24 Now that Jesus has the Samaritan woman's attention and interest, why does He suddenly switch the conversation to her family situation? (16) _____
How does Jesus know about her adulterous home life? (16-18) _____
What affect does that knowledge have upon her? (19) _____
Why does she turn to an impersonal religious controversy? (20) _____
How does Jesus address her question about worship while still keeping the conversation focussed on her? (21-23) _____

What does it mean to worship in spirit and in truth? (23-24) _____
How does the fact that God is a spirit mean that His worship is not restricted to any particular time or place? (21-24) _____
Why is it important to worship God? _____
How much does God want to be worshipped? (21-23) _____
4. 25-26 Jesus made His first declaration of His Messiahship, not to Nicodemus or the Jews, but to this outcast foreign woman. What does this say about Jesus? (v26) _____
What would this fact mean to the woman? _____
5. 27-30 How has the woman's faith in Jesus grown? (19, 29, And see 42) _____
What does her faith motivate her to do? (29) _____
What might be the significance of her leaving her waterpot? (28) _____
6. 31-38 How does doing God's will make us forget physical hunger? (32-34) _____
How is this small incident in Samaria a picture of the whole world until the end of time? (35) _____

How does the idea of sowing and reaping an *immediate* harvest point to the power of the Gospel? (36-38) _____

7. 39-42 How does the development of faith by the Samaritans parallel that of Jesus' first disciples? (See 1:37-51) _____
What does Jesus' staying with Samaritans say about His character? (40) _____

For what does this fellowship prepare the disciples? _____
Is Jesus' meeting with the Samaritan woman just a chance encounter, or is it a deliberate plan to reach out to the whole village? _____

8. **Think:** If Jesus could use this outcast woman for His purposes, do you think that He could use you? _____ How? _____
9. **Personal:** What is your spiritual thirst? _____
What group of people might be Samaritans to you? _____

A Nobleman's Faith (43-54)

1. 43-45 What persuades the Galileans to receive Jesus? (45) _____
How can a Christian's life motivate others to receive Jesus? _____
2. 46-49 What can we infer about a nobleman who would travel 20 miles to request a carpenter to heal his son who was at death's door? (47) _____
What does Jesus mean in v 48? _____
Why does Jesus test the nobleman? (48) _____
What does the nobleman's reply in v 49 tell about his attitude to Jesus? _____
3. 50-54 How much faith do you think it would take to make the 20 mile journey home based upon the word of Jesus alone? (50) _____
Who else believes because of the nobleman's justified faith? (51-53) _____
How does this harmonize with v 48? _____
The nobleman already "believed" in v 50, so why is it said that "he Himself believed" in v 53? _____
What does this healing, from a distance of 20 miles, tell you about the power of Jesus? _____

4. **Think:** Summarize the claims made for Jesus in the first four chapters. _____

What does Jesus require of those who claim to believe in Him? _____

5. **Personal:** Have there been times when you have taken God at His Word, even when His Word seemed improbable, and your faith was justified? _____
