

# *The Samaritan Woman at the Well*

*John 4:1-42*

*The Pharisees resented Jesus' popularity as it challenged their self interests and their very teaching. After the northern kingdom (with its capital at Samaria), fell to the Assyrians, many Assyrians were brought in to settle the land and help keep the peace (2 Kings 17:24). The intermarriage between those foreigners and remaining Jews resulted in a mixed race, impure in the opinion of Jews who lived in the southern kingdom. The pure Jews hated this mixed race called "Samaritans". The Jews did everything they could to avoid interaction with the Samaritans and traveling through their region. But Jesus had no reason to live by such cultural restrictions. The route through Samaria was shorter.*

## **Read John 4:1-9**

Notice the location in which the events of this chapter occur (4:5,6; 40). This is "El Eloe" (Genesis 33:18-19).

v.7-9 - Why was the Samaritan woman surprised that Jesus would speak with her? Look up: Acts 10:28

## **Read John 4:10-20**

v.10 – Of what two crucial facts was this woman ignorant?

v.13-14 - How did Christ say the water from Jacob's well differed from the water He would give?  
Look up and explain Jeremiah 2:13

v.16-18 – How do Jeremiah 16:17 and Hebrews 4:13 speak to these verses?

v.20 – The Samaritans setup their modern day center for worship on Mount Gerizim (Deut 27:4) as they were considered *un-pure* Jews were not welcome in Jerusalem.

Mount Gerizim (Deut. 11:29; 27:12) was the OT setting for the pronouncement of blessings for keeping the covenant.

## **Read John 4:21-26**

v.21-24 - What did Jesus say was more important than the location of worship?

"God is Spirit" and will help us pray (Romans 8:26), remind us of the words of Christ (John 14:26) and assure us we are loved (Romans 5:5).

v.26 – What incredible revelation did Jesus make to this woman?

## **Read John 4:27-38**

v.28- Notice how the very instrument with which she originally set out to draw water is forgotten behind once she receives "Living Water".

v. 29 – The King James version reads: "*is not this the Christ*". This woman ran home, forgetting her valuable implement behind to share of her personal experience with the Messiah. Look up: Mark 5:19

v. 30 – What is the result of this woman sharing her personal testimony?

v.35-38 – What does Jesus tell His disciples regarding the fields, the urgency of the harvest, and the reward of service? Look up: 1 Timothy 4:8

## **Read John 4:39-42**

v.41-42 – What is better than believing another's testimony about Christ? Look up: John 18:34

What did the Samaritans discover about Jesus? Look up: Romans 1:16