

The Book of John:
The Disciple Jesus Loved
Study Notes

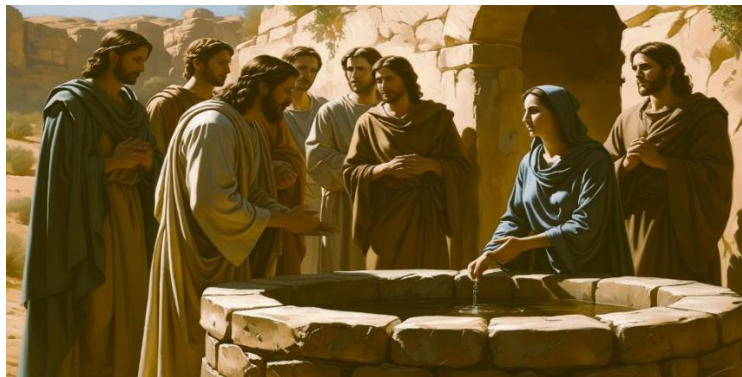
Chapter 4 PT. 2: The Disciples' Amazement

John 4:27-39

John 4:27-30 (NASB) – “²⁷ And at this point His disciples came, and they were amazed that He had been speaking with a woman, yet no one said, ‘What are You seeking?’ or, ‘Why are You speaking with her?’ ²⁸ So **the woman left her waterpot** and went into the city, and said to the people, ²⁹ ‘Come, see a Man who told me all the things that I have done; this is not the Christ, is He?’ ³⁰ They left the city and were coming to Him.”

Note: At this point, the Disciples may not understand everything that Jesus did, but they knew enough not to question Him.

Amazed-(Greek)-*thaumázo*-to wonder at; marveled (KJV)



John 4:28 (NASB) – “...the woman left her waterpot and went into the city...”



Key: To truly be a Witness of Jesus, you **will** be required to give up what you had in mind.

Verse 29

Witnessing After One Encounter

“Come, see a Man...”

- The Samaritan Woman was not even sure if He was the Christ even after Jesus said, “I am He”.
- The Samaritan Woman did not hesitate to spread the news of her encounter with Jesus.
- The Samaritan Woman witnessed even in her doubt.
- The Samaritan’s witness was so effective, that the entire city was coming to Him.



Note: One true demonstration of the Dunamis Power of Holy Spirit can change a city!

For example: Speaking in an unknown tongue is a sign for unbelievers (A tongue that produces an actual language that you don’t know, but someone else does).

1 Corinthians 14:24-25 (AMP) – “²⁴ But if all prophesy [foretelling the future, speaking a new message from God to the people], and an unbeliever or outsider comes in, he is convicted [of his sins] by all, and he is called to account by all [because he can understand what is being said]; ²⁵ the secrets of his heart are

laid bare. And so, falling on his face, he will worship God, declaring that God is really among you.”

A Powerless Church

Understanding: This is why so much entertainment and mixture from the world has been brought into the Church; because of the lack of demonstration and Power of Holy Spirit.



Key: The Samaritan Woman had a single demonstration of the Spirit of G-d and her whole life was changed.

Natural vs. Spiritual Understanding

Verse 31-33

John 4:31-33 (NASB) – “³¹ Meanwhile the disciples were urging 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 were saying to one another, ‘No one brought Him *anything* to eat, did he?’”

Note: The Samaritan Woman had an excuse for not knowing who Jesus was, she struggled in spiritual understanding. She never met Jesus before.

Question: What is the Disciples’ excuse?

Answer: They could not discern that Jesus is on a Mission! Jesus was all man and all knowing **at the same time**. Jesus' focus was on spiritual things, not natural/carnal things.

Jesus' Mission Revealed To Disciples

Verse 34-38

John 4:34-38 (NASB) – “³⁴ Jesus said to them, ‘My food is **to do the will of Him who sent Me**, and to accomplish His work. ³⁵ Do you not say, “There are still four months, and *then* comes the harvest”? Behold, I tell you, raise your eyes and observe the fields, that they are white for harvest. ³⁶ Already the one who reaps is receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that the one who sows and the one who reaps may rejoice together. ³⁷ For in this *case* the saying is true: “One sows and another reaps.” ³⁸ I sent you to reap that for which you have not labored; others have labored, and you have come into their labor.’”



Jesus' Mission:

- Do the will of His Father
- Jesus did not come from Father **only**; He was **sent** from Father.
- Jesus knew His identity and purpose.

Note: This is an analogy of a harvest that Yeshua is using to help His Disciples understand why He does not have time to waste on the things of this world.



Verse 35

John 4:35 (NASB) - "...raise your eyes and observe the fields, that they are white for harvest."

- Jesus is emphasizing the urgency for Evangelism **now** from all Believers.
- "Fields are already white" is an illustration of the people that are ready to hear the Gospel.
- Seeds of faith need to be sown now.
- Also, things need to be in place to reap the harvest.
- Jesus is their example through His actions with the Samaritan Woman.

Understanding: Every Child of G-d should see themselves as those who see where the Gospel is needed (***RAISE YOUR EYES***); and proclaim it!

"Raise Your Eyes"-Naturally and Spiritually

Key: We should all be looking for opportunities to tell someone about Jesus! We must also elevate our gaze from the natural to the spiritual to even see the opportunities right in front of us! We live in a world that is always looking down!



Verse 38

John 4:38 (NASB) – “I sent you to reap that for which you have not labored; others have labored, and you have come into their labor.”

1 Corinthians 3:6 (KJV) – “I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase.”

Understanding: None of us can boast about a soul that comes to Jesus. It is by the Power of the **Ruach Ha Kodesh (Holy Spirit)** that the miracle of Salvation can happen!

The Samaritans

Verse 39

John 4:39 (NASB) – “Now from that city many of the Samaritans believed in Him because of the word of the woman who testified, ‘He told me all the things that I have done.’”

Let’s Talk About the Power of ONE...No, Not YOU!

Ruach Ha Kodesh - Holy Spirit

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John 15:26 (KJV) - “...he shall testify of me.”

Testify-(Greek)-*martureo*-to be a witness, give evidence, bear record, be well reported.

Revelation: The first work of the Holy Spirit is **always to be a witness** and bring evidence that Jesus is who He said He was: G-D! How does He do this? Through miracles, signs, and wonders!



Key: Never be so arrogant to think you have anything to do with a soul coming to Jesus. We **only partner** with His Mission! Holy Spirit does it **ALL**!

Zechariah 4:6 (AMP) – “Then he said to me, ‘This [continuous supply of oil] is the word of the LORD to Zerubbabel [prince of Judah], saying, “Not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit [of whom the oil is a symbol],” says the LORD of hosts.’”

Understanding: G-d’s work in the Earth is accomplished by His Spirit!



- Zechariah was sent to prophesy to Zerubbabel after he led the first group of exiles back to Jerusalem from Babylonian exile.
- G-d sent a message to Zerubbabel, through the prophet Zechariah, to encourage him concerning the rebuilding of the second Temple in Jerusalem
- G-d's message was that the project would be completed, not by human effort, but by His Spirit.
- G-d sent Zerubbabel a message that assured him that all the difficulties and oppositions that lie in the way shall be overcome and removed, even those that seem daunting and overwhelming.

Say this Prayer...

“LORD Let me be the next one to do the impossible by your Spirit”! Amen.

The End