

Sharing the “Water of Life”

John 4:27-42

Intro: Jesus’ offer of eternal life to a despised Samaritan woman leads to her salvation (4:1-26). Following the disciples’ return from Sychar, and the woman’s departure (4:27-28), Jesus gives His disciples a lesson on evangelism: *they would be privileged to reap a harvest they had not sown* (4:27-38). The Samaritan woman’s witness to her townspeople (4:28-29) leads to the salvation of many (4:41), and to their marvelous confession that ***Jesus is indeed the Savior of the world*** (4:30, 39-42; 1 John 4:14).

I. The Conversion of A Samaritan Woman 4:1-26

II. The Conversation With the Disciples 4:27-38

A. The disciples’ worry (v. 27)

Three reasons for their concern:

1. *The social problem:*
2. *The racial problem:*
3. *The spiritual problem:*

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B. The woman’s witness (vv. 28-30)

1. She leaves her water pot behind and runs into the city (v. 28)
2. She witnesses to her townspeople concerning Christ (v. 29)
3. The people of Sychar went out of the city to meet Jesus (v. 30)

C. The Lord’s work (vv. 31-38)

1. The disciples worldly response: “*Rabbi eat!*” (vv. 31-33)
2. Jesus’ food was to do the will of His Father who had sent Him (v. 34)
3. The will of God for Jesus’ disciples (vv. 35-38)

III. The Conversion of the Samaritans 4:39-42

A. The witness: *The Spirit-empowered Samaritan woman* (v. 39)

B. The agent: *The Lord Jesus Christ* (vv. 40-41)

C. The object: *Faith in the Person and Word of Jesus Christ* (v. 42)

The Samaritans climatic statement—“*We believe, for we have heard for ourselves and know that this One is indeed the Savior of the world.*”