

THE WOMAN AT THE WELL

- I. John 4:3-9
 - A. Samaritans – part Israelite and part Gentile.
 - B. Offered to help Nehemiah rebuild wall of Jerusalem and were rejected. Became enemies of Israel after that. *Had put dead bodies around temple before Passover and defamed it at one time.*
 - C. Woman surprised when Jesus asked for water.
 - D. Evident she was not comfortable around other women because she came at noon. Mornings and evenings were the usual times.
- II. John 4:10-15
 - A. She wanted water so she would no longer need to come to the well and be harassed by others because of the way she lived.
 - B. Jesus was speaking in spiritual terms while she was speaking in natural terms.
- III. John 4:16-19
 - A. Jesus made her admit to her life, struck her conscience.
 - B. Word of knowledge.
 - C. Believed He was a prophet.

IV. John 4:20-26

A. Wanted Him to answer old question and conflict

“Where is the true place to worship?”

B. Jesus gave new answer – a time was coming when people could worship anywhere and anytime.

C. Revealed Himself to her as the Messiah – verse 25-26.

V. John 4:27-38

A. Disciples amazed He was talking to her because of low esteem Jews held for women of all nations.

B. Woman tells city of her conversion.

VI. John 4:39-43

A. Notice contrast to Jerusalem and reaction of the Jews as compared to Samaritans.

B. Stayed two days and prepared the way for Philip – Acts 8.