JESUS TALKS WITH A SAMARITAN WOMAN

John 4:1–26

Key Verses: 4:13,14

1. What caused Jesus to return to Galilee, and why? (1–3) Why did he travel through Samaria? (4) Where and when did he stop, and what was his condition? (5,6)
2. Who came there, and what was unusual about this? (7a) What did Jesus say to her? (7b) What was he trying to do? Where were his disciples? (8) What did the woman say, and why? (9)
3. Read verse 10. What did the woman not know? What would Jesus have given her if she had asked? What did he mean by offering her “living water”? (Jer2:13; Isa49:10; Rev7:17) How did she respond, and what was her problem? (11,12)
4. Read verses 13,14. What does the water in Jacob’s well symbolize? In contrast, what happens to the water Jesus gives, and what does this mean? (see 7:38,39; Ro5:5)
5. What did the woman ask, and what does this show about her? (15) What did Jesus suddenly tell her, and why? (16) How did she respond? (17a) What did Jesus go on to tell her, and why? (17b,18) What does this reveal about her core problem?
6. What did the woman say next, and why? (19,20) What did Jesus tell her about the place of worship and about God? (21–24) What does it mean to worship “in the Spirit and in truth”?
7. What did she conclude, and what else does this show about her? (25) What did Jesus reveal to her? (26) What did it mean to her, and to us?