

John 4: 27-54

Joh 4:27 Just then his disciples returned and were surprised to find him talking with a woman. But no one asked, "What do you want?" or "Why are you talking with her?" Joh 4:28 Then, leaving her water jar, the woman went back to the town and said to the people, Joh 4:29 "Come, see a man who told me everything I ever did. Could this be the Christ?" Joh 4:30 They came out of the town and made their way toward him. Joh 4:31 Meanwhile his disciples urged him, "Rabbi, eat something." Joh 4:32 But he said to them, **"I have food to eat that you know nothing about."** Joh 4:33 Then his disciples said to each other, "Could someone have brought him food?" 4:34 **"My food," said Jesus, "is to do the will of him who sent me and to finish his work.** Joh 4:35 Do you not say, 'Four months more and then the harvest'? **I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest.** Joh 4:36 Even now the reaper draws his wages, **even now he harvests the crop for eternal life**, so that the sower and the reaper may be glad together. Joh 4:37 Thus the saying 'One sows and another reaps' is true. Joh 4:38 I sent you to reap what you have not worked for. Others have done the hard work, and you have reaped the benefits of their labor."

John 4:39 Many of the Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I ever did." Joh 4:40 So when the Samaritans came to him, they urged him to stay with them, and he stayed two days. Joh 4:41 **And because of his words many more became believers.** Joh 4:42 They said to the woman, "We no longer believe just because of what you said; now we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this man really is the **Savior of the world.**"

1. In verse 32, what food is Jesus talking about?

Matthew 4:1 Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil. Mt 4:2 After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. Mt 4:3 The tempter came to him and said, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread." Mt 4:4 Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

2. Why does Jesus refer to doing God's will as food? (What is food?)

3. In verse 35, what are the fields? What does it mean that they are ripe for harvest?

4. If you were a field how close are you to harvest?

- a. The planted seeds die.
- b. The planted seeds could grow.
- c. The seeds are starting to grow but they are not ready for harvest.
- d. The seeds have grown and they are ready for harvest.

5. What aspects of learning truth do we see in this section?

Verse 39?

Verse 40a?

Verse 40b?

Verse 42?

6. What does verse 41 teach us about the nature of truth?

7. What did the people have to come to realize and understand for them to arrive at their conclusion in verse 42?

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Joh 4:43 After the two days he left for Galilee. Joh 4:44 (Now Jesus himself had pointed out that a prophet has no honor in his own country.) Joh 4:45 When he arrived in Galilee, the Galileans welcomed him. They had seen all that he had done in Jerusalem at the Passover Feast, for they also had been there. Joh 4:46 Once more he visited Cana in Galilee, where he had turned the water into wine. And there was a certain royal official whose son lay sick at Capernaum. Joh 4:47 When this man heard that Jesus had arrived in Galilee from Judea, he went to him and begged him to come and heal his son, who was close to death. Joh 4:48 **"Unless you people see miraculous signs and wonders," Jesus told him, "you will never believe."** Joh 4:49 The royal official said, "Sir, come down before my child dies." Joh 4:50 Jesus replied, "You may go. Your son will live." The man took Jesus at his word and departed. Joh 4:51 While he was still on the way, his servants met him with the news that his boy was living. Joh 4:52 When he inquired as to the time when his son got better, they said to him, "The fever left him yesterday at the seventh hour." Joh 4:53 Then the father realized that this was the exact time at which Jesus had said to him, "Your son will live." So he and all his household believed. Joh 4:54 This was the second miraculous sign that Jesus performed, having come from Judea to Galilee.

1. In verse 44, what did Jesus say about himself? What is a prophet?
2. In verse 45 it says that the people welcomed Jesus. What could be some of the reasons people welcomed Him and how might that be similar to us today?
3. What do we learn in verse 46 about Cana? What do we know about how Nazareth responded to Jesus? What might this teach us about culture and truth? (see below)

(Lu 4:16 He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue, as was his custom. And he stood up to read.....Lu 4:23 Jesus said to them, "Surely you will quote this proverb to me: 'Physician, heal yourself! Do here in your hometown what we have heard that you did in Capernaum.'" Lu 4:24 "I tell you the truth," he continued, "no prophet is accepted in his hometown.....Lu 4:29 They got up, drove him out of the town, and took him to the brow of the hill on which the town was built, in order to throw him down the cliff..... Lu 4:31 Then he went down to Capernaum, a town in Galilee, and on the Sabbath began to teach the people. Lu 4:32 They were amazed at his teaching, because his message had authority.)

(Mr 6:4 Jesus said to them, "Only in his hometown, among his relatives and in his own house is a prophet without honor." Mr 6:5 He could not do any miracles there, except lay his hands on a few sick people and heal them. Mr 6:6 And he was amazed at their lack of faith. Then Jesus went around teaching from village to village.)

(Ac 17:11 Now the Bereans were of more noble character than the Thessalonians, for they received the message with great eagerness and examined the Scriptures every day to see if what Paul said was true.)

4. In verse 47 & 50, what does the request and response of the royal official teach us about interacting with Jesus?
5. How are people today similar to the people Jesus was talking to in verse 48?
6. What can be learned about our response to God from the royal official in verse 50?