

# "This is Indeed the Savior of the World"

## JOHN 4 · LESSON 6

John 4 describes two people who had powerful interactions with Jesus. One was a Samaritan woman. The other was an official from Capernaum. Both believed the words that Jesus spoke. Their belief influenced others to believe. In fact, listen to what we hear in the middle of the chapter: "this is indeed the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_" (4:42).

On their way from Judea to Galilee, Jesus stopped with his disciples in Sychar, a town of Samaria. Jews and Samaritans had major disagreements and prejudices against each other (4:9). While his disciples went into the city to buy food, Jesus sat beside a well and a Samaritan woman came to draw water. How was she transformed from, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a woman of Samaria" (4:9) to "Can this be the \_\_\_\_\_" (4:29)?

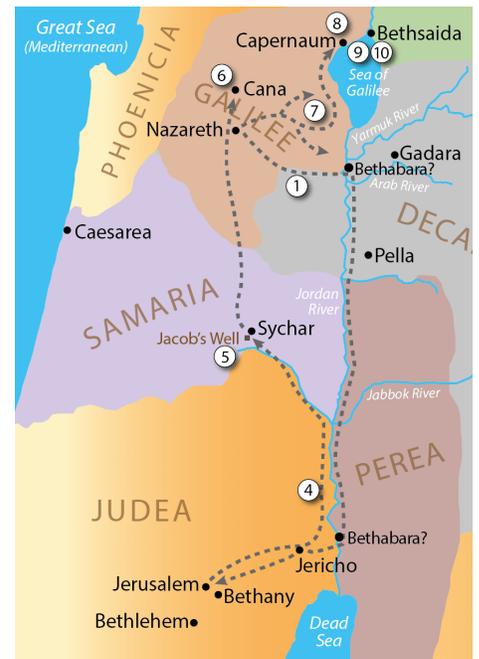
- ~ Jesus started a \_\_\_\_\_ with her (4:7)
- ~ He made a \_\_\_\_\_ with her (4:10)
- ~ He drew attention to what she really \_\_\_\_\_ (4:13-14)
- ~ He proved that he really \_\_\_\_\_ her (4:16-18)
- ~ He shared what the \_\_\_\_\_ is seeking (4:21-24)
- ~ He revealed \_\_\_\_\_ to her (4:26)

As the woman left her water jar and went into town to tell people who she had found, the disciples encouraged Jesus to eat.

But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about... My food is to \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ of him who sent me and to accomplish his work." (4:32, 34)

Jesus and his disciples eventually reached Cana, and while they were there, an official from Capernaum (\_\_\_\_\_ miles away) came to him and asked him to come down and heal his son, "for he was at the point of death" (4:47). When Jesus told him, "Go; your son will live," the man "\_\_\_\_\_ the word that Jesus spoke to him and went on his way" (4:50). As he was coming home, his servants met him and told him that his son was recovering. When did his son start to get better? The day before, when Jesus had told him his son would live. "And he himself believed, and \_\_\_\_\_ his household" (4:53).

Two people whose belief influenced others to believe. Do we believe? Let's talk about it...



## For Class & Family Discussion:

- What did Jesus mean when he said to the Samaritan woman at the well, “Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again” (4:13)?
- Let’s open our Bibles back to [Jeremiah 2:11-13](#) and read it together. In your own words, what was God saying through the prophet hundreds of years before Jesus talked with the Samaritan woman? Is there a connection between [Jeremiah 2](#) and [John 4:10-14](#)?
- Why do you think Jesus said to her, “Go, call your husband, and come here” (4:16) when he clearly knew so much about her (4:17-18)?
- As disciples of Jesus today, is there anything we can learn from the way Jesus treated and talked to this Samaritan woman?
- When the Samaritan woman brought up worship, Jesus said some really important things. Let’s revisit and read [John 4:21-24](#) carefully. What is Jesus teaching us?
- What do you think Jesus meant when he told his disciples, “Look, I tell you, lift up your eyes, and see that the fields are white for harvest” (4:35)?
- John describes the healing of the official’s son as “the second sign that Jesus did when he had come from Judea to Galilee” (4:54). Why? In what way was this a “sign”? What was Jesus showing and proving through this miracle?
- What have we been shown in [John 4](#) that ought to help us believe in Jesus, that he “is indeed the Savior of the world” (4:42)?