

John 4:27-38

John 4:27-30 – *“(27) And upon this came his disciples, and marvelled that he talked with the woman: yet no man said, What seekest thou? or, Why talkest thou with her? (28) The woman then left her waterpot, and went her way into the city, and saith to the men, (29) Come, see a man, which told me all things that ever I did: is not this the Christ? (30) Then they went out of the city, and came unto him.”*

A. There are some good reasons why the disciples marveled at Jesus talking with a woman from Samaria (**II Kings 18:9-12, Hosea 8:5-8, Matthew 10:5-9, John 4:9, and John 8:48**).

1. They failed in not asking Him why He was talking to the Samaritan woman (**Proverbs 2:3-6 and Proverbs 15:14**).
2. They would have gained a better understanding of the Lord’s work had they asked (**Luke 5:27-32**).

B. The Samaritan woman perceived Jesus was the Christ, which was a debated matter in the days that Jesus was in the flesh (**John 7:25-31**).

1. Unknowingly, her desire for those she knew to come and see Jesus is exactly what they needed to do (**Matthew 11:28-30, John 7:37, and John 9:39**).
2. We shall later notice that they saw for themselves that Jesus is the Christ (**John 4:42**).

John 4:31-34 – *“(31) In the mean while his disciples prayed him, saying, Master, eat. (32) But he said unto them, I have meat to eat that ye know not of. (33) Therefore said the disciples one to another, Hath any man brought him ought to eat? (34) Jesus saith unto them, My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work.”*

A. Jesus had work to do that was more important than eating a common meal (**John 5:14-17; cf. Matthew 4:4**).

1. Jesus knew He not only had work to do, but work to finish as well (**John 5:36, John 17:1-4, and John 19:30**).
2. We should all learn from Jesus to be workers (**I Corinthians 15:58, Ephesians 2:10, and James 2:24-26**) and finishers (**Acts 20:22-24, II Timothy 4:6-8, and Hebrews 12:1-2**).

B. Jesus was intent on doing His Father’s will (**John 5:30 and John 10:32**).

1. By Jesus doing the works of the Father He was confirming whom He was/is (**John 10:37-38 and John 14:10-12**).
2. The works we do identify who our Father is too (**I John 3:8-10; cf. Matthew 7:16; 20**).

John 4:35-38 – *“(35) Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest. (36) And he that reapeth receiveth wages, and gathereth fruit unto life eternal: that both he that*

soweth and he that reapeth may rejoice together. (37) And herein is that saying true, One soweth, and another reapeth. (38) I sent you to reap that whereon ye bestowed no labour: other men laboured, and ye are entered into their labours."

A. Jesus taught His disciples not to approach God's work as a task to be done later, but rather as a task to be done now (**II Corinthians 6:1-2**).

1. We know we're supposed to live like there is no tomorrow (**Proverbs 27:1, Matthew 25:1-13, and James 4:13-15**).

2. We should never delay in doing God's will (**Psalms 119:60**).

B. There are few workers (**Matthew 9:36-38; cf. Philippians 2:19-21**).

1. Like Moses, we have to understand that the work we do now will not be rewarded in this life (**Hebrews 11:24-26; cf. I Timothy 6:12 and II John 8**).

2. The prophets had laid a foundation for the disciples to build upon, while we have had brethren who have laid foundations in the past for us to build upon today (cf. **I Corinthians 3:6-11**).