

Harvest Time

John 4: 28 – 42

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Series: John: The Deity of Christ

John 4: 28 - 33

²⁸ So the woman left her waterpot, and went into the city and said to the men, ²⁹ “Come, see a man who told me all the things that I *have* done; this is not the Christ, is it?” ³⁰ They went out of the city, and were coming to Him. ³¹ Meanwhile the disciples were urging Him, saying, “Rabbi, eat.” ³² But He said to them, “I have food to eat that you do not know about.” ³³ So the disciples were saying to one another, “No one brought Him *anything* to eat, did he?”

John 4: 34 - 38

³⁴ Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me and to accomplish His work. ³⁵ “Do you not say, ‘There are yet four months, and *then* comes the harvest’? Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes and look on the fields, that they are white for harvest. ³⁶ “Already he who reaps is receiving wages and is gathering fruit for life eternal; so that he who sows and he who reaps may rejoice together. ³⁷ “For in this *case* the saying is true, ‘One sows and another reaps.’ ³⁸ “I sent you to reap that for which you have not labored; others have labored and you have entered into their labor.”

John 4: 39 - 42

³⁹ From that city many of the Samaritans believed in Him because of the word of the woman who testified, “He told me all the things that I *have* done.” ⁴⁰ So when the Samaritans came to Jesus, they were asking Him to stay with them; and He stayed there two days. ⁴¹ Many more believed because of His word; ⁴² and they were saying to the woman, “It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves and know that this One is indeed the Savior of the world.”

The First Witness Vv. 28 – 31.

- The Samaritan woman shared Jesus.
 - Left her water pot and quickly returned to Sychar.
 - Her witness of Jesus' supernatural knowledge.
 - Her witness despite her past reputation.
 - Her identity of Christ stated to draw out curiosity.
 - Her witness effective, they were coming to Him.
- Meanwhile, the disciples were hungry.
 - Apparently the disciples did not see the opportunity to witness of Jesus.
 - The disciples were focused on Jesus' need for food.

Another Great Lesson. Vv. 32 – 38.

- Jesus speaks to the higher priority over food.
 - Again Jesus speaks of spiritual things, but the disciples are focused on physical things.
 - Jesus was going to accomplish God's will here.
 - The time for harvest was now and the Samaritans were coming to be harvested for the kingdom.
 - Some sow and others reap, but we all work together to bring souls to Christ for salvation.
 - The Samaritans coming from the village, from a distance represented white wheat for harvest among the green crops they walked through to get to Jesus.

Jesus Saves. Vv. 39 – 42.

- The woman's testimony led many to Christ.
 - Her testimony drove many to come to Christ directly.
 - They ask Christ to stay with them and many more are saved.
 - Again Jesus defies prejudice and customs.
- The testimony of the people of Samaria.
 - They believed not just because of the woman's testimony.
 - We have heard for ourselves from Jesus.
 - We know that He is the savior of the **World**.

Conclusion

- We must make it our first priority to be witnesses of Jesus and direct people to come personally to Him.
- We must recognize that we are called to harvest for Christ often in fields we have not planted. Sometimes we are planters, other times harvesters.
- Everyone who is saved, will come, learn from, and accept Jesus as Savior and Lord. The witness does not save, but point to the Savior of the world.