



Walking With the Savior

Through An Eyewitness Account of John

John, one of the sons of Zebedee, stood as an eyewitness to the life and ministry of Jesus Christ. He began his journey as a fisherman, leaving behind his nets and the future he had planned for himself to follow a teacher, a prophet, and a miracle worker. At the outset, John did not fully understand who Jesus was or what lay ahead. In faith, he aligned himself with Jesus, drawn by His words and deeds.

As John walked alongside Jesus, witnessing His teachings and miracles, he gradually realized that Jesus was far more than a prophet or a remarkable teacher. John came to understand that Jesus was God in the flesh. This revelation was not just a turning point for John personally, but a moment of eternal significance. By choosing to follow Jesus, John's future was forever changed, and his decision would go on to impact the world—not only in his own time but throughout every generation to come. **Let's embark on an inspiring journey with John as we walk alongside Jesus.**

Background Matters

The woman, excited by Jesus' statement about Himself and because of the arrival of the **disciples**, left and **went** to the village. In her joy of discovery, she forgot **her water jar**. It was more important to her now to share her new faith. Her words **A Man who told me everything I ever did**, were bound to stir interest. Perhaps in that village some who heard her had been partners in her past life. Perhaps they wondered, *Could this One also know about us?*

Could this be the Christ? she asked them. More literally, her question was, "This couldn't be the Messiah, could it?" The question expected a tentative negative answer. She framed the question this way, in all probability, because she knew the people would not respond favorably to a dogmatic assertion from a woman, especially one of her reputation.



Just as Jesus had captured her attention by curiosity, so she raised the people's curiosity. They decided to investigate this matter.

4:31–32. As the **disciples** spoke with Jesus, they sensed something had happened. Before, He was tired and thirsty. But now food and drink were not important to Him. His mood had changed. They offered Him food, but He gave them instruction. **I have food to eat that you know nothing about** is another of His enigmatic statements.

4:33–34. The disciples' misunderstanding set the stage for Him to clarify His statement. As usual, the **disciples** were confined to thinking materialistically. **Jesus** said, **My food ... is to do the will of Him who sent Me**. This does not mean Jesus had no need of physical **food**, but rather that His great passion and desire was to do God's will (cf. 5:30; 8:29). He knows that man does not live by bread alone, but "by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord" (Deut. 8:3). His priority is spiritual, not material. It is the Father's **work** which must be done (cf. John 17:4).

4:35. Farmers have a period of waiting between their sowing and their reaping. **Four months more and then the harvest** was probably a local proverb. But in the spiritual realm there is no long wait. Jesus has come so now it is the day of opportunity. All that is needed is spiritual vision and perception. If the disciples would **look** around, they would see people with spiritual hunger. The Samaritans in their white garments coming from the village (v. 30) may have visually suggested a wheat field **ripe for harvest**.

4:36–38. As reapers, the disciples had the great and rewarding privilege of leading people to faith in Christ. **Others** had already **done** the **work** of sowing. This perhaps refers to the ministry of the Old Testament prophets or to John the Baptist's ministry of preparation. Both kinds of workers—the **sower and the reaper**—get their pay. Reapers harvest **the crop for eternal life**, that is, Jesus' disciples were involved in ministry to others, in the issue of death and life (2 Cor. 2:15–16).

Harvesttime in the ancient world was a time of joy (Ruth 3:2, 7; Isa. 9:3). There is also great joy at the time of salvation (cf. Luke 15:7, 10, 32). The disciples had the greater joy of seeing the completion of the process (John 4:38). A sower has a harder time because he sees no immediate fulfillment. John the Baptist stirred a nation to repent but he died before the day of Pentecost, when the disciples in great joy saw thousands come to faith in Jesus.¹

This week in "Walking With the Savior," *In this beautiful encounter at Jacob's well, we witness Jesus engaging in a heartfelt conversation with a Samaritan woman. This moment reveals a wonderful truth: as the disciples return with food, we begin to learn the art of sowing seeds of faith. Jesus plants the seed of faith in the woman's heart, and she responds by shifting her focus from her water jar to passionately sharing Jesus' incredible message with her community.*

¹ Edwin A. Blum, "John." in *The Bible Knowledge Commentary: An Exposition of the Scriptures*, ed. J. F. Walvoord and R. B. Zuck, vol. 2 (Wheaton, IL: Victor Books, 1985), 287–288.



Have you ever thought about your own “water jar”? The woman was overflowing with excitement after Jesus revealed so much to her that she left her jar behind, realizing sharing her newfound faith was far more important than anything else. Her declaration, “A man who told me everything I ever did,” was her seed, waiting to blossom.

Just like that, each seed we plant has the potential to grow and flourish! To cultivate a rich harvest, we need to tend to the soil of our hearts and lives with dedication. This journey of preparation, planting, and nurturing is truly rewarding, reminding us that our efforts today will positively shape our tomorrows. So, are you ready to roll up your sleeves and join in this transformative adventure? Let’s get excited to harvest the fruits of our labor together!

“Forget the Water Jar; Plant the Seed.”

John 4:27–38

Study Guide 11 *This study guide presents daily assignments that are specifically crafted to enhance your growth in the Word. Embrace each moment to meditate and reflect, and watch as your spiritual maturity flourishes through your dedicated efforts.*

Open It, Mondays. Open your heart and mind to the truth of the Word.

1. *What must a farmer do in order to enjoy an abundant harvest?

Explore It, Tuesdays, keep the rhythm of personal study moving.

2. How did the disciples respond when they saw Jesus talking to the Samaritan woman? (4:27)



3. What did the Samaritan woman do after she had spoken to Jesus? (4:28)

4. What did the Samaritan woman tell the townspeople? (4:29)

5. How did the townspeople respond to what the Samaritan woman said? (4:30)

6. What did the disciples urge Jesus to do? (4:31)

7. *What did Jesus tell the disciples? (4:32)

8. How did the disciples respond to what Jesus told them about food? (4:33)

Push on Wednesday, keep the rhythm of personal study moving.

9. *What did Jesus say was His food? (4:34)

10. What did Jesus say about the fields? (4:35)



11. *What kind of crop did Jesus say “the reaper” was harvesting? (4:36)

12. What did Jesus send the disciples to do? (4:38)

13. What barriers keep us from talking to other people about Christ?

14. How does spending time talking to Jesus affect your life?

15. *What tasks in life tend to consume your attention?

Get It Thursdays, keep the rhythm of personal study moving.

16. What are some of the sayings of Jesus that surprise you?

17. In what way has God surprised you by what He’s done in your life?



18. What unique work has God given you to do?

19. *How would you describe today the fields Jesus described to His disciples?

20. What role can you play in the reaping and harvesting of lives for Christ?

Drive it Home, Fridays, keep the rhythm of personal study moving.

21. What obstacle will you ask God to remove so you can help bring someone to Christ?

22. *In what way can you be involved in reaping and harvesting for God's kingdom today?

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