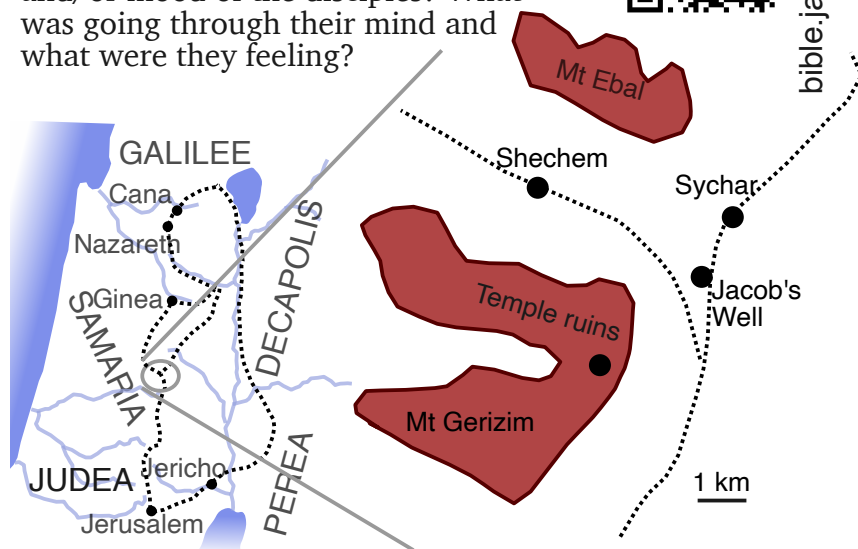


# The Testimony of the Samaritans

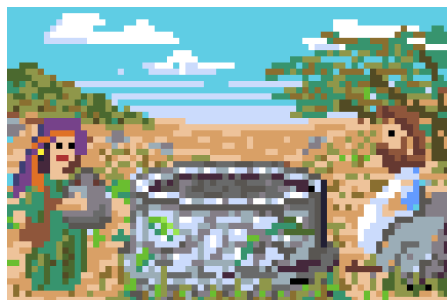
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Compare and contrast Nicodemus (John 3) and the Samaritan woman (John 4)

Read **John 4:1-4**. In the context of Jesus' ministry, what is the spirit and/or mood of the disciples? What was going through their mind and what were they feeling?



Read **2 Kings 17:24-29**. What was the origin of the Samaritan people. How might the Samaritans feel that they were better than the Jews and *vice versa*? Do we sometimes have similar thoughts towards others?



Read **John 4:15**. Jacob's well was deep, and a jar of water was heavy. What are the (multiple?) reasons the woman be interested in finding another source of water?.

Read **John 4:17-21**. The woman is uncomfortable about the topic and changes it. Note that Jesus doesn't railroad her, but allows her to lead the conversation. How is this an example to us?

Time Event

- 11:25** Disciples leave Jesus at Jacob's well
- 11:35** Disciples arrive at Sychar
- 11:48** Woman departs Sychar
- 11:58** Woman arrives at well
- 12:00** Woman turns to leave, Jesus starts talking to woman
- 12:05** Disciples depart Sychar
- 12:15** Disciples arrive at Jacob's well
- 12:16** Woman leaves water jar at the well, runs to the city.
- 12:20** Disciples urge Jesus to eat
- 12:23** Woman arrives at Sychar proclaiming Jesus
- 12:33** Woman departs to well with the whole city following
- 12:40** Jesus points to Samaritans walking through fields

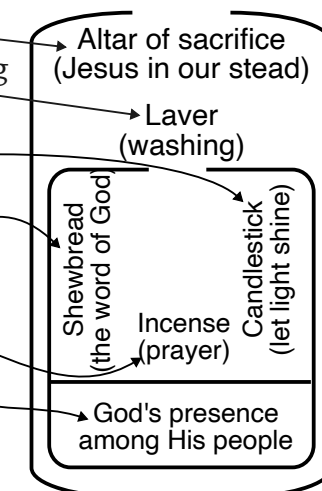
Read **John 4:36-39**.

Place yourself in the shoes of Jesus' disciples. Given the controversy in John 4:1-4, how might the disciples feel about what they did in Judea and what they did in Samaria?



- v7 "Give me to drink" → Works-based religion
- v10 "You would ask *me* for a drink"
- v14 "Shall be in him a well springing up to eternal life" (cf Ezekiel 36:25-27) → Altar of sacrifice (Jesus in our stead)
- v16 "Go call your husband" → Laver (washing)
- v22 "You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know," → Shewbread (the word of God)
- v24 "God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth" → Candlestick (let light shine)
- v26 "I who speak to you am He" → Incense (prayer)

How can we use John 4 as (1) a guide for our own walk with Jesus, and (2) a template for ministry to others



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