

4. The Jews rejected Jesus as their Messiah (Acts 2:22-23).
 - a. They accepted the blood of Christ (Matthew 27:22-25).
 - b. But Christ prayed for their forgiveness because of their ignorance (Luke 23:34; Acts 3:17).
 - c. Jesus was rejected by all men (Acts 4:24-28; 1 Corinthians 2:8).
5. The Jews attempt to establish their own righteousness (Romans 10:2-3).
 - a. The example of Paul (Philippians 3:5-9)
 - b. The need of all (Ecclesiastes 7:20; 1 Kings 8:46; Psalm 14:3)
 - c. The curse of the law (Deuteronomy 27:26; Romans 7:10-14; Galatians 3:21-22)
 - d. The redemption of Christ (Galatians 3:10-13; Romans 8:3)
 - e. The power of imputation (Genesis 15:6; Romans 4:1-8; 2 Corinthians 5:21)
6. The Jews will yet receive their kingdom (Acts 1:6-7; Romans 11:25-27).
7. Some Jews will come to Jesus as Messiah even today (Romans 11:1-5).

F. His Expression of His Identity (John 4:25-26)

1. Her expectation of Christ (John 4:25)
 - a. He will come.
 - b. He will tell us all things.
2. The identity of the Christ (John 4:26)

III. CHRIST'S TEACHING OF HIS DISCIPLES (John 4:27-38)

A. The Wondering Disciples (John 4:27)

1. Their surprise – “marveled”
2. Their silence – “no man said”

B. The Witnessing Woman (John 4:28-30)

1. Her thrill (John 4:28) – “left her waterpot”
2. Her target (John 4:28) – “to the men”
3. Her testimony (John 4:29) – “is not this the Christ?”
4. Her triumph (John 4:30) – “they...came unto him.”

C. The Working Saviour (John 4:31-34)

1. The meat of the disciples (John 4:31)
2. The meat they knew not of (John 4:32-33)
3. The meat of the Master (John 4:34)
 - a. To do the will of God (John 5:30; John 6:38; Hebrews 10:7)

- b. The meat offering (Leviticus 2); the bloodless sacrifice points to a living sacrifice (Romans 12:1-2).
 - (1) A picture of the life of Christ
 - (1) A picture of the life of the surrendered believer

D. The Waiting Harvest (John 4:35-38)

1. Readiness of the harvest (John 4:35)
 - a. The tendency to deny its readiness (Romans 13:11-12)
 - b. The time to reap is now.
 - (1) Causing a need for laborers (Matthew 9:36-38)
 - (1) Requiring an expectation (Ecclesiastes 11:1-6)
2. Reward for the harvest (John 4:36a)
 - a. Wages to be received (1Corinthians 3:11-15)
 - b. Fruit unto eternal life (Galatians 6:7-9)
3. Rejoicing over the harvest (John 4:36b)
 - a. The joy of the harvest (Psalm 126:5-6)
 - b. The joy in heaven (Luke 15:10)
4. Responsibility for the harvest (John 4:37)
 - a. The work of sowing
 - b. The work of reaping
 - c. Laborers together with God (1Corinthians 3:5-10)
5. Recognition for the harvest (John 4:38)
 - a. The reapers often bestow less labor.
 - b. The reapers enter into the labor of others.

IV. CHRIST'S TARRYING WITH THE SAMARITANS (John 4:39-44)

A. The Testimony of the Woman (John 4:39-40)

1. The power of her testimony (John 4:39a) – “many...believed on him.”
2. The plainness of her testimony (John 4:39b) – “all that ever I did”
3. The plea that He tarry (John 4:40)

B. The Truth of His Own Words (John 4:41-42)

1. The faith that comes by hearing (John 4:41; Romans 10:17)
2. The fullness of His witness (John 4:42)
 - a. He is the Christ.
 - b. He is the Saviour of the world.

C. The Trip to Galilee (John 4:43-44)

1. The leaving of Samaria (John 4:43)
2. The lesson of His success (John 4:44); so much greater than He had in His own country (Matthew 13:54-58)

V. CHRIST'S TESTING OF THE NOBLEMAN (John 4:45-54)

A. The Nobleman's Request (John 4:45-47)

1. The popularity of the Saviour (John 4:45)
 - a. Received by the Galileans
 - b. Remembered for His works
2. The problem of sickness (John 4:46)
 - a. The place of a past miracle
 - b. The need for a new miracle
3. The plea for a son (John 4:47)
 - a. He heard that Jesus had come.
 - b. He asked the Saviour to come down.
 - c. He feared the coming death of his son.

B. The Saviour's Reply (John 4:48-50)

1. Signs and wonders are not the foundation of faith (John 4:48).
2. The Lord's physical presence is not the foundation of faith (John 4:49).
3. The word of the Lord is the foundation of faith (John 4:50; Matthew 4:4; Romans 10:17).

C. The Nobleman's Response (John 4:50-54)

1. The faith of the nobleman (John 4:50)
 - a. Jesus gave His word.
 - b. The nobleman believed.
 - c. The nobleman went his way.
 2. The confirmation of his faith (John 4:51-53a)
 - a. The good news from the servant (John 4:51)
 - b. The time of the healing (John 4:52-53a)
 - (1) At the seventh hour of the day before (John 4:52)
 - (1) At the time Christ spoke the word (John 4:53a)
 3. The salvation brought by faith (John 4:53b)
 - a. The faith of the nobleman
 - b. The faith of his entire family (Acts 16:14-15, 30-34; Acts 18:8)
- D. Seven Lessons Concerning Faith (John 4:43-54)
1. Familiarity hinders faith (John 4:44; Malachi 1:13; Isaiah 43:22).
 2. Experience increases faith (John 4:45; Genesis 30:27; Romans 5:3-5).
 3. True faith leads to action (John 4:46-47; James 2:17-26).
 4. Weak faith seeks evidence (John 4:48-49; Judges 6:36-40).
 5. Strong faith accepts God's word (John 4:50; Romans 4:16-22).
 6. God responds to our faith (John 4:51-53; Matthew 17:14-21).
 7. Faith bears fruit and multiplies (John 4:53; Mark 9:24).