

John 4:28

This continues the story of the Samaritan woman who met Jesus at the well. Jesus had told her that he was the Christ, the promised Messiah.

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Think about [John 4:28-30](#) and [John 4:39](#).

So the woman left her water jar and went away into town and said to the people, "Come, see a man who told me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?" They went out of the town and were coming to him. ... Many Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me all that I ever did."

- What did the woman tell the people in her town?
 - What had Jesus said to her that made her wonder if he was the Messiah?
Consider [John 4:17-26](#). The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; for you have had five husbands, and the one you now have is not your husband. What you have said is true." ... The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ). When he comes, he will tell us all things." Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am he."
 - Where did the people in her town go when they heard her testimony? (See John 4:28-30 quoted above.) Why do you think they went there?
 - What did many people in her town believe because of her? (See John 4:39 quoted above.)
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Think about [John 4:40-41](#).

So when the Samaritans came to him (Jesus), they asked him to stay with them, and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word.

- Why did many more people in this town believe? (See John 4:40-41 quoted above.)
Also consider [John 7:32-46](#). ... the chief priests and Pharisees sent officers to arrest him (Jesus). ... but no one laid hands on him. The officers then came to the chief priests and Pharisees, who said to them, "Why did you not bring him?" The officers answered, "No one ever spoke like this man!"
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Think about [John 4:42](#).

They (the Samaritans) said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is indeed the Savior of the world."

- Did the Samaritans continue to believe because of what the woman had said to them? Why did the Samaritans continue to believe?
- What did the Samaritans believe and know?
- In what way has the world been saved by Jesus?

Consider [1John 4:10-14](#). *In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. ... And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world.*

The meaning of this word "*propitiation*" is: the satisfying sacrifice, fulfilling God's requirement for justice against sin and satisfying His wrath.

Also consider [2Timothy 1:8-10](#). *... God, ... saved us ... not because of our works but because of his own purpose and grace, which he gave us ... which now has been manifested through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.*

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The students of Jesus returned to the well where Jesus was after buying food in town.

Think about [John 4:31-34](#).

Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, saying, "Rabbi, eat." But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about." ... Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to accomplish his work."

- Why didn't Jesus eat the food his disciples had brought?
- What food did Jesus have that his students did not know about?
- What work was Jesus sent to earth to accomplish?

Consider [Hebrews 10:5-14](#). *... When Christ came into the world, he said, "Sacrifices and offerings you (God) have not desired, but a body have you prepared for me. ... Behold, I have come to do your will, O God." ... And by that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. ... Christ ... offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins. ... For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified.*

Also consider [John 6:38-40](#). (Jesus said) *"... I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me. ... For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day."*