

Questions for Gospel Harmony #22 - Part 1

Matthew 4.12; Mark 1.14; Luke 3.19; John 4.1-42

1. What caused Herod to shut John up in prison? Who baptized the disciples of Jesus? How many did Jesus Himself baptize? Why did Jesus need to go through Samaria to get to Galilee and what is the significance of passing through Samaria? (Matthew 4.12; Mark 1.14; Luke 3.19; John 4.1-4)
2. By which well did Jesus stop to rest? What city was this well near? Who did Jesus ask to give Him a drink? Where were His disciples? Why was this woman surprised that Jesus spoke to her? (John 4.5-9)

Special Question: In a Bible dictionary, research the history of the Samaritans. Where did they come from? What was their connection to the Jews? Why did the Samaritans and Jews have no dealings with one another?

3. Explain the phrases “the gift of God” and “living water.” What will happen to the one who drinks of the water Jesus gives? (John 4.10-15)
4. Did the woman understand Jesus’ comments about the never thirsting again? How did Jesus demonstrate to this woman that He was a prophet? From Jesus’ comments to this woman, should we suppose that Jesus was in favor of two unmarried people living together? (John 4.15-18)

5. What is the meaning of the woman's statement in verses 19-20? Explain the following phrases (Verses 21-24)
- "The hour is coming when you will neither on this mountain, nor in Jerusalem, worship the Father."
 - "You worship what you do not know; we know what we worship, for salvation is of the Jews."
 - "But the hour is coming, and now is"
 - "When the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth"
 - "God is Spirit"
6. Where the Samaritans looking for the Messiah? Did Jesus identify Himself as the Messiah? (John 4.25-26)

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But Herod the tetrarch, being rebuked by him concerning Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, and for all the evils which Herod had done, also added this, above all, that he shut John up in prison. Now after John was put in prison, when Jesus heard that John had been put in prison [and] when the Lord knew that the Pharisees had heard that Jesus made and baptized more disciples than John (though Jesus Himself did not baptize, but His disciples), He [therefore] left Judea and departed again to Galilee. But He needed to go through Samaria.