

I Disciples and Jesus concerns

John 4 : 27 Just then his disciples returned and were surprised to find him talking with a woman. But no one asked, “What do you want?” or “Why are you talking with her?”

²⁸ Then, leaving her water jar, the woman went back to the town and said to the people, ²⁹ “Come, see a man who told me everything I ever did. Could this be the Messiah?” ³⁰ They came out of the town and made their way toward him.

³¹ Meanwhile his disciples urged him, “Rabbi, eat something.” ³² But he said to them, “I have food to eat that you know nothing about.” ³³ Then his disciples said to each other, “Could someone have brought him food?”

³⁴ “My food,” said Jesus, **“is to do the will of him who sent me and to finish his work.”**

➔ The Conversation with the Samaritan Woman

- Jesus came all the way to Samaria—a place where Jews did not associate with others—to meet the Samaritan woman.
- Jesus spoke to the Samaritan woman personally and testified to her that He was the “Savior.”
- After meeting Jesus, the Samaritan woman left her water jar behind and went into town to tell others about Him.

1. The Disciples’ Reaction

- No one asked Jesus why He was going to Samaria [an act contrary to Jewish custom]
 - No one questioned why Jesus was speaking with a Samaritan woman [Jewish teachers do not speak with women]
- ➔ The disciples were indifferent to Jesus’ words and actions.

2. Disciple’s concerns

- Physical food

The disciples were completely preoccupied with preparing a meal for Jesus. When they arrived in Samaria, the first thing they did was go into town to buy food. When they returned from town, they were so busy preparing the meal that, although they found it strange that Jesus was talking to the Samaritan woman, they paid little attention to it and did not even ask Him about it. Their spiritual eyes had not been opened.

3. Jesus’s concerns

- Spiritual food
“My food,” said Jesus, **“is to do the will of him who sent me and to finish his work.”**

➔ Jesus teaches His disciples about “spiritual food.”

While physical food is necessary, “spiritual food” is also essential for Christians.

⁴ Jesus answered, “It is written: ‘Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.’”¹

- “Doing God’s will”

Jesus did not follow Jewish customs but preached in accordance with God’s will.

It means walking in obedience to God’s Word, rather than following our own thoughts or the customs of the world.

- “Accomplishing God’s Work”

Jesus obeyed God the Father, preached the Gospel, and accomplished the atonement for the sins of all humanity on the cross.

- This means preaching the Gospel and revealing God’s power to the world in the name of Jesus.

II The spiritual eyes

John 4 : 35 Don't you have a saying, 'It's still four months until harvest'?
I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest.

- 1 It's still four months until harvest? 【your voice, the world voice】
2. I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields. 【Who are you listening to?】
- 3 They are ripe for harvest 【look through spiritual eyes】

- Jesus is said to have told us to look at the Samaritans. In the eyes of the Jews, the Samaritans were a detestable people who mixed Judaism with idolatry, and the Jews would not associate with them. It never even crossed their minds that these people could be saved.
- For Jesus, the salvation of the Samaritans was also in His heart. The hearts of the Samaritans were ready to receive the Gospel. It was just before the harvest of souls. For this very reason, Jesus sought out the Samaritan woman and personally shared the Gospel with her.
- At that very moment, the Samaritan woman left her water jar behind and went into town to testify about Jesus. Through her testimony, many people were saved.

III After the day of Pentecost

Acts 4 : 29 Now, Lord, consider their threats and enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness. ³⁰ Stretch out your hand to heal and perform signs and wonders through the name of your holy servant Jesus."

- ➔ Filled with the Holy Spirit, the disciples were able to see with spiritual eyes.
 1. Instead of seeing the religious leaders' persecution and desire for revenge, they saw their salvation.
 2. They asked the Lord for the boldness to speak His Word.

Application

- ➔ Seeing the harvest of souls among the Samaritans, Jesus chose to follow God's will rather than Jewish customs, went to visit the Samaritan woman, and personally shared the Gospel with her. As a result, a revival was sparked by that Samaritan woman.
1. What are your priorities in life? [Are you focusing too much on earthly things?]
The disciples were focused solely on preparing a meal for Jesus. They were indifferent to spiritual matters. Let us focus on Jesus' food—spiritual food. Let us share the Gospel and do His work.
 2. Jesus says, "Look up and see the fields."
Let's shift from a self-centered life to one where we look around us.
Let's look out at unsaved family, church members, coworkers, friends, and neighbors.
 - 3 Jesus says, "Listen to what I say," and "The fields are ripe for harvest."
Are you judging people based on your own thoughts or appearances?
"Salvation takes time," "It's hard to share the Gospel," "Now is not the right time," "I don't want them to be saved."
Let us listen to Jesus' voice without being swayed by our own thoughts, ideas, or appearances. Let us share the Gospel. The Lord says they are ready to accept it and be saved.
 4. First, let us pray. Let us pray in intercession. Then, let us share the Gospel.
Let us pray for their salvation, and for healing and restoration in the name of Jesus.