

## ➤ Purpose of Jesus

1. To proclaim the good news of the Kingdom of God to the other towns.

Luke 4:42 At daybreak, Jesus went out to a solitary place. The people were looking for him and when they came to where he was, **they tried to keep him from leaving them.** 43 But he said, “I must proclaim the good news of the kingdom of God to the other towns also, because that is why I was sent.”

## ➤ Jesus started His mission from Galilee

Luke 4:18 The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor .He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free,<sup>19</sup> to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.

1. Beginning of ministry in Nazareth: Jesus declares Himself as the fulfillment of Old Testament prophecy, the 'Savior.' He is rejected in Nazareth.
2. Ministry in Capernaum: Through the anointing of the Holy Spirit, Jesus healed the sick and cast out demons
3. The people of Capernaum: they tried to keep Jesus from leaving.
  - ✓ They acknowledged that Jesus was the Savior.
  - ✓ The people did not know the purpose for which Jesus had come into the world.

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## ➤ Samaria mission

John 4:3 So he left Judea and went back once more to Galilee.  
 4 Now he had to go through Samaria. 5 So he came to a town in Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of ground Jacob had given to his son Joseph.

## 1. Jesus’ Ministry to the Gentiles

- a) Jews and Samaritans did not associate with one another. The Jews would go around Samaria to avoid it [4:19]
- b) Jesus went to Samaria on purpose [He had to pass through Samaria]
- c) Jesus preached the Gospel to the Samaritan woman

John 4:25 The woman said, “I know that Messiah” (called Christ) “is coming. When he comes, he will explain everything to us.”

<sup>26</sup> Then Jesus declared, “I, the one speaking to you—I am he.”

## 2. Revival in Samaria

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?”

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

## 3. Now is the harvest

John 4:31 Meanwhile his disciples urged him, “Rabbi, eat something.”  
<sup>32</sup> But he said to them, “I have food to eat that you know nothing about.”<sup>33</sup> Then his disciples said to each other, “Could someone have brought him food?”<sup>34</sup> “My food,” said Jesus, “is to do the will of him who sent me and to finish his work. <sup>35</sup> 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. <sup>36</sup> Even now the one who reaps draws a wage and harvests a crop for eternal life, so that the sower and the reaper may be glad together. <sup>37</sup> Thus the saying ‘One sows and another reaps’ is true. <sup>38</sup> I sent you to reap what you have not worked for. Others have done the hard work, and you have reaped the benefits of their labor.”  
<sup>39</sup> Many of the Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, “He told me everything I ever did.”

The will of our Heavenly Father lies in the salvation of souls and the preaching of the Gospel through the cross of Jesus. In Israel, it took four months to harvest crops. However, Jesus looked upon the spiritual harvest field and said that the souls of the people of the world were ripe for harvest and filled with those who would receive eternal life. This work of preaching is the very food of the Spirit.

- 1 Are you keeping Jesus all to yourself?
    - ✓ Are you keeping the grace and salvation you’ve received from God to yourself, without sharing them with others?
    - ✓ Do you think it’s enough that your own family is saved?
    - ✓ Are you limiting where you share the gospel?
  2. Jesus came “to preach the gospel in other towns as well.”
    - ✓ Let us share with those around us the testimony of the grace, salvation, and healing we have received.
    - ✓ Let us pray and evangelize not only for our families but also for the salvation of our neighbors.
    - ✓ Let us pray for, support, and serve the extension churches in Yokohama, Okinawa, and Hokkaido.
  3. Jesus went to Samaria, a Gentile region, to share the Gospel with the Samaritan woman.
    - ✓ The town was saved through the Samaritan woman’s testimony of her encounter with Jesus.
- Let’s briefly summarize your testimony of salvation. The Samaritan woman’s testimony is very simple.**
4. Are you eating the food of Jesus?  
 “is to do the will of him who sent me and to finish his work.
  5. Now is the harvest!!!  
 Do you find yourself thinking things like, “This person probably won’t be saved yet,” “It’ll take time,” or “There’s still time”? Don’t you think there’s a time for everything?  
 Let us keep in mind that this is the time to reap the harvest of our souls, and continue to sow seeds

**II Tim 4:2 Preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction.**