

# Messiah!

John 4:16-30, 39-42 (1224)  
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## Introduction

- People choose particular locations to make important announcements
- Why?

## Messiah

### A. Revelation: From Jewish Man to Messiah

1. Jesus as greater than Jacob, the well digger
2. Jesus as the Source of Living Water
3. Jesus as the Prophet—4:16-24
  - a. Initially perceived through His intimate knowledge of her past and present life-- 4:16-18
  - b. Samaritan's view of "THE" Prophet—the "Taheb" -- 4:19
  - c. Could Jesus solve the age-old controversy that separated Jews from Samaritans? The Place of worship? 4:20
    - 1) Believed God directed his people to worship at a particular location-- Deuteronomy 12:4-5
    - 2) Jews—Jerusalem 2 Chron. 6:6
    - 3) Samaritans—Mount Gerizim
  - d. Jesus' Solution—a short course on "True Worship"
    - 1) Worship can occur anywhere. 4:21
    - 2) Worship is to be based on truth, not ignorance. 4:22
      - a) Samaritans were ignorant about God
      - b) The Jews had greater revelation
      - c) Salvation is of the Jews—Isaiah 53:4-6
    - 3) Worship involves pursuing a personal relationship with God the Father—4:21, 23
      - a) Both Jews and Samaritans worshiped in the abstract.
      - b) Christianity is not a religion, but a relationship with the living God!
    - 4) Worship balances "spirit" and "truth"
      - a) Samaritans—enthusiastic heresy
      - b) Judaism—dead orthodoxy
4. Jesus as the MESSIAH—4:25-26
  - a. The Woman's Conclusion—4:25
  - b. Jesus' Proclamation: **I AM Messiah!!** 4:26

### B. Significance: Why did Jesus choose to reveal Himself as Messiah to the Samaritans, and not to the Jews in Judea?

1. Samaritans were ready—ripe for harvest. 4:27-30, 39-42
2. To make a Statement: Jesus as the Savior of the WORLD 4:42