

## John 4:39-45

**John 4:39-41** – *“(39) And many of the Samaritans of that city believed on him for the saying of the woman, which testified, He told me all that ever I did. (40) So when the Samaritans were come unto him, they besought him that he would tarry with them: and he abode there two days. (41) And many more believed because of his own word.”*

A. The Samaritan woman lead others to Christ by telling them what she saw (**I John 4:14**).

1. We should be telling others what we know is the truth (**Psalms 51:13, Matthew 28:18-20, and Romans 10:14**).

2. Our goal should be to warn all who are willing to listen (**Acts 20:26-27 and Colossians 1:28**).

a. The Scriptures give us plenty of reasons why we should only teach those who are seeking the truth (**Deuteronomy 4:29, Psalms 10:4, Psalms 119:155, Proverbs 8:17, Jeremiah 29:13, and John 5:44**).

b. It is wrong to teach those who do not want taught (**Matthew 7:6, Matthew 10:12-15, and Acts 13:44-51**).

B. Many more believed because of the words of Christ (**John 10:25-27**).

1. They wanted Jesus to stay and teach them (**Acts 8:30-31**).

2. Wouldn't it be great if everyone would have such a desire to learn (**I Peter 2:1-2**)?

3. Learning the truth should be seen as more valuable than any earthly treasure (**Psalms 19:7-10**).

**John 4:42** – *“And said unto the woman, Now we believe, not because of thy saying: for we have heard him ourselves, and know that this is indeed the Christ, the Saviour of the world.”*

A. They believed, but not just because of her sayings (**Proverbs 14:15**).

1. We should not be so ready to believe everything we hear (**Matthew 7:15, Matthew 24:4-5, and I John 4:1**).

2. We have to put all things to the test of the Scriptures (**Acts 17:10-11**).

B. They believed because they saw the truth for themselves (**I Thessalonians 5:21**).

1. There is a difference between the words of men and the truth (**I Thessalonians 2:13**).

2. Knowing the truth is the key (**John 8:32**).

**John 4:43-45** – *“(43) Now after two days he departed thence, and went into Galilee. (44) For Jesus himself testified, that a prophet hath no honour in his own country. (45) Then when he was come into Galilee, the Galilæans received him, having seen all the things that he did at Jerusalem at the feast: for they also went unto the feast.”*

A. No prophet has honor in his own country (**Matthew 13:53-58**).

1. As you saw in Matthew 13:53-58, this is true because people want to think carnally of the messenger rather than looking to the message (**II Corinthians 10:10**).
  2. People often react more to the messenger than the message (**Amos 5:10**, **Matthew 23:34-37**, and **Galatians 4:16**).
- B. They believed because of what they saw at the feast (**John 10:41-42** and **John 11:45**).
1. Miracles existed to prove the message was genuine (**Mark 16:15-20** and **Hebrews 2:3-4**).
  2. The Lord provided proof through miracles then (**Acts 8:6**), as we provide proof through book, chapter, and verse now (**I Peter 4:11**).