

Lesson Four – Choosing the Road Less Traveled John 4:1-42

Think about the last time you took a road trip. Maybe it was a business trip or a family vacation. Did you make any stops along the way? Did you stop at a convenience store to load up on cokes and snacks? Or did you stop at a nice restaurant where you could relax for a while? Jesus took several road trips during his ministry. Although the trips were on foot and at a much slower pace, he also made stops along the way. Lesson Four takes us through one of these stops. Let's catch up with Jesus and see what happens as the result of Jesus *Choosing the Road Less Traveled*.

| 1. Most Jews | Samaria at all costs. | |
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| 2. The disciples were not with Jesus because | | |
| 3. Jesus asked the woman for | | |
| 4. Jesus offers the woman | · | |
| 5. Jesus asks the woman about | · | |
| 6. Jesus talks about a time when worship | oers will worship in | and |
| 7. Jesus tells the woman that he is the $_$ | ·• | |
| 8. The woman left the well to tell | | about Jesus. |

Personal Study:

- 1. Study the parable of the Good Samaritan. (Luke 10:25-37). Compare this against our story today. In what ways did Jesus live up to the standard he presents in the parable of the Good Samaritan?
- 2. Spend some time thinking about your life and the ways that Jesus accepted you, despite all of the barriers. Make a list of these barriers. Now consider people who you see as "unreachable" because of barriers. In what ways are you called to overcome these barriers like Jesus overcame barriers with the woman at the well?
- 3. Memorize John 4:13-14a.

Next Time:

Jesus is focused on his ministry of preaching the Good News to all people. He visits many towns and villages and has tremendous success. Now he comes to his hometown, Nazareth. In

the next lesson in our *Journey with Jesus*, we see that things are not quite the same at home, and we see Jesus *Encountering a Bumpy Road*. Join us in the journey during homecoming week for Jesus.