

Fields White unto Harvest (John 4:27-42)

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Introduction

Rules-Focused Disciples (4:27)

4₂₇ At that *moment* His disciples came, and they were shocked because He was talking with a woman. Yet no one said, “What do You seek?” or, “Why do You talk with her?”

Ministry-Focused Woman (4:28-30)

4₂₈ Therefore the woman abandoned her water-jar, went away to the city, and told people,

4₂₉ “Come•, see• a man who told me everything I have ever done! He isn’t the Christ, is He?”

4₃₀ They left the city and were coming to Him.

Food-Focused Disciples versus Ministry-Focused Jesus (4:31-35)

4₃₁ Meanwhile the disciples were urging Him, “Rabbi, eat.”

4₃₂ But He told them, “I have food to eat that you• do not know about.”

4₃₃ So the disciples said to one another, “Someone did not bring Him *something* to eat, *did he?*”

4₃₄ Jesus told them, “My food is for Me to do the will of Him who sent Me and finish His work.

4₃₅ “Do you• not say, ‘It is still four more months, and then comes reaping’? Look, I tell you•, lift• your• eyes and see• the fields: they are white for reaping already!

4₃₆ “And the reaper receives wages and gathers a crop for everlasting life, so both the *one* sowing *the grain* and the *one* reaping *it* may rejoice together.



4₃₇ For in this the saying is the truth: ‘*One* sows and another reaps.’

4₃₈ “I sent you• to reap that *for which* you• have not labored; others have labored and you• have entered into their labor.”

Jesus-Focused Samaritans

4₃₉ Now many Samaritans of that city believed in Him because of the word of the woman testifying, “He told me all *things* I have *ever* done!”

4₄₀ So, when the Samaritans came to Him, they were asking Him to remain with them. And He remained there two days.

4₄₁ And many more believed because of His word,

4₄₂ and they told the woman, “We no longer believe because of your speech, because we have heard and know that He really is the Savior of the world, the Christ!”

Conclusion