

A SAMARITAN WOMAN'S IMPRESSION OF JESUS

INTRODUCTION

A. Luke 9:18-20

There are and always have been widely varying impressions of whom Jesus truly is.

B. John 4:4-42

Interestingly, in a single scene of Scripture, a certain woman progressed through several impressions about Him.

I. "YOU, BEING A JEW"

A. John 4:9

With no other clues to inform her, the Samaritan's first impression was merely that this Man was Jewish.

B. Acts 10:28; Romans 2:5-11

God is impartial.

C. Galatians 3:26-28; Romans 10:11-13

Salvation is freely available to all.

D. Revelation 5:9-10; Micah 4:1-2

Saved souls will come from everywhere, but end up together in heaven.

II. "ARE YOU GREATER THAN OUR FATHER JACOB?"

A. John 4:12

Having offered water vastly superior to that for which He asked, Jesus was questioned if He could be any better than the patriarch who dug the well and partook of its waters.

B. John 8:52-58

On another occasion He would be posed the same question about Jacob's grandfather Abraham, whether Jesus could excel that great patriarch. He answered in the affirmative.

C. Genesis 32:28; 28:10-14

Jacob, whose name was changed by God to Israel, and is thus forebear of every Israelite, was promised by God that his Seed would bless all families of the earth.

D. Galatians 3:16

That Seed is Christ!

III. "SIR, I PERCEIVE THAT YOU ARE A PROPHET"

A. John 4:19

Anyone who has never met you, but knows your whole life, without access to social media, warrants certain recognition.

B. John 1:43-51

Jesus gained Nathanael's confession of faith that He is God's Son with less evidence than this!

C. 2nd Peter 1:21

To recognize a prophet is to recognize that one has spoken by the movement of the Holy Spirit.

D. Deuteronomy 18:15

Samaritans and Jews alike anticipated the coming of a great Prophet like Moses.

IV. "I KNOW THAT MESSIAH IS COMING"

A. John 4:25-26, 29, 42

Listening to Jesus, whom she now understood to be a Prophet, speaking to her of a transition in Covenants underway, it began to dawn on this Samaritan that the man who spoke with her was more than even a Prophet, and she

introduced to the conversation the theme of the Messiah, Christ, the Anointed One.

B. Luke 7:19-24; Acts 10:38-39

As evidence of His identity, Jesus simply presented His works. That proved He had been anointed of God.

C. Luke 4:16-21

Jesus applied to Himself the prophecy of Isaiah concerning God's anointed.

D. Mark 14:61-62

Jesus confessed Himself to be the Christ

CONCLUSION

A. Matthew 10:32-33

Confession of Christ is imperative to man's salvation.

B. 1st John 4:2-3

Refusal to so proclaim the identity of the Lord is to be antichrist.

C. Romans 10:9-10

Confession is predicated, of course, on belief, indicating there is more to this process of salvation.

D. Philippians 2:9-11

God is glorified when Jesus' name is exalted.