

John 4:29-44

29-30. The woman then left her waterpot, went her way into the city, and **said to the men**, "Come, see a man who told me all things that I ever did. **Could this be the Christ?**" Then they went out of the city and came to Him.

- **Luke 9:20** "He (Jesus) said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Peter answered and said, 'The _____ of God.'"
- **Matthew 16:15-16** "He said to them, 'But _____ do you say that I _____?' And Simon Peter answered and said, 'You are the _____, the _____ of the Living God.'"

Definition: "And SAID to the MEN" - Notice that this woman went to the MEN of the city, rather than to other women. Verse 6 also tells us that this woman came to get water from the well at the "sixth hour," which would be NOON - NOT the normal time for women to come to get water (they would usually come in the early morning before it got hot). The fact that this woman was avoiding the other women of the town, but knew all the men, may mean that she was a prostitute.

31-34. In the meantime His disciples urged Him, saying, "Rabbi, eat." But He said to them, "I have food to eat of which you do not know." Therefore, the disciples said to one another, "Has anyone brought Him anything to eat?" Jesus said to them, "**My FOOD is to do the WILL of Him who sent Me, and to FINISH His WORK.**"

- **John 6:38** "For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own _____, but the _____ of _____ who _____ Me."
- **Psalms 40:7-8** "Then I said, 'Behold, I come; in the scroll of the Book it is written of Me (Jesus). I _____ to _____ Your _____, O My God, and Your law is within My heart.'"
- **Read Hebrews 10:5-10** (Verses 9-10) "Then He said, 'Behold, I have come to _____ Your _____, O God.' He takes away the first [covenant] that He may establish the second [covenant]. By that will we have been sanctified through the _____ of the _____ of Jesus Christ once for all."
- **John 17:3-5** "And this is eternal life, that they may _____ You, the only _____, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent. I have glorified You on the earth. I have _____ the _____ which You have given Me to do."
- **John 19:30** "So when _____ had received the sour wine, He said, 'It is _____!' And bowing His head, He gave up His spirit."

35-36. Do you not say, "There are still four months and then comes the harvest?" Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes and look at the fields, for they are **already white (ripe) for HARVEST!** And he who reaps receives wages, and **gathers FRUIT for eternal life**, that both **he who SOWS and he who REAPS may REJOICE together.**

- **Read Luke 15:3-10** (Verses 5-7) "And when He has _____ it, He lays it on His shoulders, _____. And when He comes home, He calls together His _____ and neighbors, saying to them, '_____ with Me, for I have _____ My _____ which was lost!' I say to you that likewise (in the same way) there will be more _____ in _____ over one _____ who _____ than over ninety-nine just persons who need no repentance.' (Verse 10) "Likewise, I say to you, there is _____ in the presence of the _____ of God over one _____ who repents."

- **Matthew 9:37-38** "Then He said to His disciples, 'The _____ truly is plentiful, but the laborers (workers) are _____. Therefore pray (ask) the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His _____.'"

Definition: "The FIELDS are already white for HARVEST" - Jesus is referring to the multitudes of people that are ready to hear the GOSPEL - **they are READY or ripe** for HARVEST (to be SAVED). Jesus is saying that the people are READY to hear, but there are not enough workers to PREACH the gospel to them.

- **Luke 10:1-2** "After these things the Lord appointed _____ others also, and sent them two by two before His face into every city and place where He Himself was about to go. Then He said to them, 'The _____ truly is _____, but the _____ are few; therefore pray the Lord of the _____ to send out laborers into His _____.'"
- **Matthew 13:44** "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like _____ hidden in a _____, which a man found and hid; and for _____ over it he goes and sells all that he has and buys that _____."

Definition: "He SELLS all that he has and BUYS that FIELD" - Jesus told this parable to show how God the Father **gave His only begotten Son to BUY the FIELD** (the world - John 3:16) **with His own blood** shed on the cross. The "treasure" hidden in the field is the CHURCH, all the people who come to FAITH in JESUS CHRIST and become a part of the KINGDOM OF HEAVEN. **God "so loved the WORLD"** and He BOUGHT the whole world, but only those who ACCEPT what He has done and RECEIVE Jesus Christ as their Savior will benefit from it. All others will go into a Christless eternity in hell, even though their sins WERE ALREADY PAID FOR by Jesus on the cross!! They choose by their own FREE WILL to reject Christ, and the alternative is choosing hell.

- **II Corinthians 5:18-20** "Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us (we are the "LABORERS") the ministry of reconciliation, that is, that God was in Christ _____ the _____ to Himself, _____ imputing (holding against them) their _____ to them, and has committed to us the _____ of reconciliation. Therefore we are ambassadors (representatives) for Christ, as though _____ were _____ through us; we implore (beg) you on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God."
- **Acts 20:28** "Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to feed the _____ of God, which He has _____ with his own _____."

Definition: "Gathers FRUIT for eternal life" - There are **TWO** meanings for "gathers fruit for eternal life" in this verse. **(1)** We gather SOULS as we bring other people to faith in Jesus Christ, and **they in turn receive ETERNAL LIFE**; and **(2)** We receive a **REWARD when we get to heaven** for all the people we have witnessed to that have received Christ and come into God's kingdom.

- **Romans 6:20-22** "For when you were slaves of _____, you were free in regard to righteousness. What _____ did you have then in the things of which you are now _____? For the end of those things is _____. But now having been set _____ from _____, and having become slaves of God, you have your _____ to _____, and the end, _____ life."

Definition: "The END, everlasting life" - Our FINAL DESTINATION is EVERLASTING LIFE in God's presence. As Believers in Jesus Christ, we are all heading there, but **not all will have the same REWARDS** waiting for us when we get there.

- **Matthew 6:19-21** "Do not lay up for yourselves _____ on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; but _____ up for _____ treasures in _____, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your _____ (REWARD) is, there your _____ will be also."
- **Read I Corinthians 3:11-15** (Verses 14-15) "If anyone's _____ which he has _____ on it endures, he will receive a _____. If anyone's work is burned, he will suffer _____; but he _____ will be _____, yet so as through _____."

Definition: "SAVED AS BY FIRE" - This refers to people who have received Jesus as Savior, been born again, and are SAVED, but who have never really made Jesus LORD OF ALL in their life. This person may make it to heaven, but will receive NO REWARDS!! All of their **so-called good works** were done in their own human strength (in the FLESH), and are WORTHLESS (Jesus said, "Without Me, you can do NOTHING." John 15:5) - The worthless, human "works" will be burned up. The picture here is similar to a person escaping from a burning house, and they make it out alive, but ALL THEIR POSSESSIONS are burned up, and they have NOTHING! This also applies to "death bed" conversions, such as the thief on the cross (Luke 23:39-43), where the person has no time to do any GOOD WORKS.

37-39. For in this the saying is true, "**One sows (plants) and another reaps.**" I sent you to reap that for which you have not labored; **others have labored**, and you have entered into their labors. And many of the Samaritans of that city believed in Him because of the word of the woman who testified, "He told me all that I ever did."

- **Read I Corinthians 3:5-9** "I _____, Apollos watered, but God gave the increase (caused the growth). So then neither he who _____ is anything, nor he who waters, but God who gives the increase. Now he who _____ and he who waters are one, and each one will receive his own _____ according to his own _____."

Definition: "OTHERS have LABORED" - When Jesus was speaking to His disciples, the only "others" who would have been LABORING and PREACHING God's word before Him would have been God's prophets in the Old Testament days. Nowadays, for us, we may witness to someone who is READY to receive Christ, but many people may have been **WITNESSING** to ("PLANTING SEEDS") or **PRAYING** for ("WATERING") that person for years, and **they will also receive a reward** in heaven for that one who comes to Christ. The reward does not just go to the "reaper" (the one who actually LEADS that person to Christ).

- **Jeremiah 25:4** "And the Lord has _____ to you all His _____ the prophets _____ and _____, but you have not listened nor inclined your ear to hear."
- **Jeremiah 44:4** "Yet I _____ you all My servants the _____, again and again, saying, 'Oh, do not do this abominable thing which I hate.'"

40-41. So when the Samaritans had come to Him, they urged Him to stay with them; and He stayed there two days. And **many more BELIEVED because of His own WORD.**

- **Ephesians 1:13** "In Him you also _____, after you heard the _____ of truth, the _____ of your salvation: in whom also having _____, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise."
- **I Peter 1:23** "Having been _____, not of corruptible seed but incorruptible, through the _____ of God which lives and abides forever."
- **Luke 4:32** "And they were astonished at His _____, for His _____ was with authority."
- **Isaiah 55:11** "So shall My _____ be which goes forth from My mouth; it shall not return to Me _____, without accomplishing what I _____, and without succeeding in the matter for which I _____ it."

42. Then they said to the woman, "Now **we believe**, not because of what you said, **for we have heard for ourselves** and know that **this is indeed the Christ, the Savior of the world.**

- **I John 4:13-15** "By this we know that we _____ in Him, and He in us, because He has given us of His Spirit. And we have seen and testify that the _____ has _____ the Son as _____ of the _____. Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God _____ in him, and he in God."
- **John 10:16** "And _____ sheep I have which are not of this _____; them also I must bring, and they will _____ My _____; and there will be one _____ and one shepherd."

Definition: "OTHER SHEEP NOT of this FOLD" - "This fold" refers to the Jews, the nation of Israel. The "OTHER SHEEP" are the Gentiles, which would include those Samaritans who came to faith in Jesus that day. Jesus' disciples, as Jews, were not yet used to the idea that "their Messiah" would be the Savior of the whole world.

43-44. Now after the two days He departed from there and went to Galilee. For Jesus Himself testified that **a PROPHET has no honor in his own country.**

- **Mark 6:4** "But Jesus said to them, 'A _____ is not without _____ except in his own country, among his own _____, and in his own house.'"
- **Matthew 13:57** "So they were _____ at Him. But Jesus said to them, 'A _____ is not without _____ except in his own _____ and in his own _____.'"
- **Hebrews 11:37-39** "They (the PROPHETS) were stoned [to death], they were _____ in two, were tempted (tested, probably TORTURED), were _____ with the sword. They wandered about in sheepskins, being destitute, _____, _____ - of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, in dens and caves of the earth."
- **Read Matthew 23:29-37** (Verses 29-30) "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! Because you build the _____ of the _____ and adorn the monuments of the righteous, and say, 'If we had lived in the days of our fathers, we would _____ have been partakers with them in the _____ of the _____.'" (Verse 34) "Therefore, indeed, I send you _____, wise men, and scribes: some of them you will _____ and _____, and some of them you will scourge (beat, whip) in your synagogues and persecute from city to city." (Verse 37) "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the one who _____ the _____ and _____ those who are _____ to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not _____!"