

The Gospel of John

A dramatic landscape at sunset or sunrise over a large body of water, with sunbeams breaking through a cloudy sky. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a golden glow across the water and the sky. The clouds are dark and heavy, with bright rays of light breaking through. The foreground is a dark, silhouetted hillside with some vegetation. In the distance, there are rolling hills and a small town or village.

6. The Samaritan woman

For God so **loved** the world,
that He **gave** His only Son,
that whoever **believes** in Him
should not **perish**
but have **eternal life**.

(John 3:16)



John the Baptist

“Truly, I say to you, among those born of women there has arisen no one greater than **John the Baptist.**”

(Matthew 11:11)

“A person cannot receive even one thing unless it is given him from heaven.

“You yourselves bear me witness, that I said, ‘I am not the Christ, but I have been sent before Him.’”

“The one who has the bride is the bridegroom. The friend of the bridegroom, who stands and hears him, rejoices greatly at the bridegroom’s voice.

“Therefore **this joy of mine** is now complete.

“**He must increase, but I must decrease.**”

(John 3:27-30)

John - Chapter 4

Now when Jesus learned that the Pharisees had heard that Jesus was making and baptising more disciples than John... He left **Judea** and departed again for **Galilee**.

And He had to pass through **Samaria**.

So He came to a town of Samaria called **Sychar**, near the field that Jacob had given to his son Joseph.

Jerusalem to Sychar was about 75km, probably 2 or 3 days walk .



John - Chapter 4

Jacob's well was there; so Jesus, **wearied** as He was from His journey, was sitting beside the well.

It was about the sixth hour.

In John, Roman, not Jewish time – 6pm

A woman from Samaria came to draw water.

(Jesus' disciples had gone to buy food.)

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(John 3:1)

Nicodemus

- A Jewish man
- Righteous
- Highly educated
- A Pharisee
- A teacher
- A ruler

A woman from Samaria came to draw water.
(John 4:7)

The unnamed woman

- A Samaritan woman
- Doubtful morality
- Uneducated
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Nicodemus

“Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is **born again** he cannot see the kingdom of God.”

Nicodemus said to Him,
“**How can a man be born when he is old?**”

(John 3:3-4)

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The unnamed woman

“If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, ‘Give Me a drink,’ you would have asked Him, and He would have given you **living water.**”

The woman said to him,
“**Sir, you have nothing to draw water with, and the well is deep.**”

(John 4:10-11)

The conversation with the woman at the well

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“Give Me a drink.”

“How is it that You, a Jew,
ask for a drink from me,
a woman of Samaria?”

“If you knew **the gift of God**, and who it is
that is saying to you, ‘Give Me a drink,’
you would have asked Him, and
He would have given you **living water**.”

Water = life
Living water = fresh water,
as coming from a spring.

“Sir, you have nothing to draw water with,
and the well is deep. Where do You get that living water?
Are You greater than our father Jacob? He gave us the well
and drank from it himself, as did his sons and his livestock.”

The conversation with the woman at the well

“Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him **a spring of water welling up to eternal life.**”

“Sir, give me this water, so that I will not be thirsty or have to come here to draw water.”

“Go, call your husband, and come here.”

“I have no husband.”

“You are right in saying, ‘I have no husband’; for you have had five husbands, and the one you now have is not your husband. What you have said is true.”

What sort of life had this woman been living?

The conversation with the woman at the well

“Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet.
Our fathers worshiped on this mountain,
but you say that **in Jerusalem** is the place
where people ought to worship.”

Samaritans had built a
temple on Mt Gerizim.

“Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain
nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father.

You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know,
for **salvation is from the Jews**.

But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers
will worship the Father **in spirit and truth**,
for the Father is seeking such people to worship Him.

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“Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain **nor in Jerusalem** will you worship the Father.

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Such a long history, all leading up to the coming of Christ!

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Worship is more than prayers and songs. Our worship is seen in the life we live.

The conversation with the woman at the well

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The first covenant

...a shadow of the things to come,
but the substance belongs to Christ.
(Colossians 2:17)

Not the **words** of the Law,
the **righteousness** of the Law

The new covenant

“I will put My law within them,
and I will write it on their hearts.
And I will be their God,
and they shall be My people.”
(Jeremiah 31:33)



The conversation with the woman at the well

“I know that Messiah is coming.
When He comes, He will tell us all things.”

“I who speak to you am He.”

Jesus spoke to her so plainly!

So the woman left her water jar and went away into town
and said to the people,

“Come, see a man who told me
all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?”

They went out of the town and were coming to Him.



A third conversation

A conversation with the Lord's disciples

“Rabbi, eat.”

“I have food to eat that you do not know about.”

“Has anyone brought Him something to eat?”

“**My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me**
and to accomplish His work.

“Do you not say, ‘There are yet four months,
then comes the harvest’?”

Look, I tell you, **lift up your eyes**, and see
that the fields are white for harvest.

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Look, I tell you, **lift up your eyes**, and see that the fields are white for harvest.

Many Samaritans from that town **believed** in Him because of the woman's testimony, "**He told me all that I ever did.**"

So when the Samaritans came to Him, they asked Him to stay with them, and He stayed there two days.

And many more **believed because of His word.**

There is no record of miracles here

They said to the woman,

"It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for **we have heard for ourselves**, and we know that this is indeed **the Saviour of the world.**"

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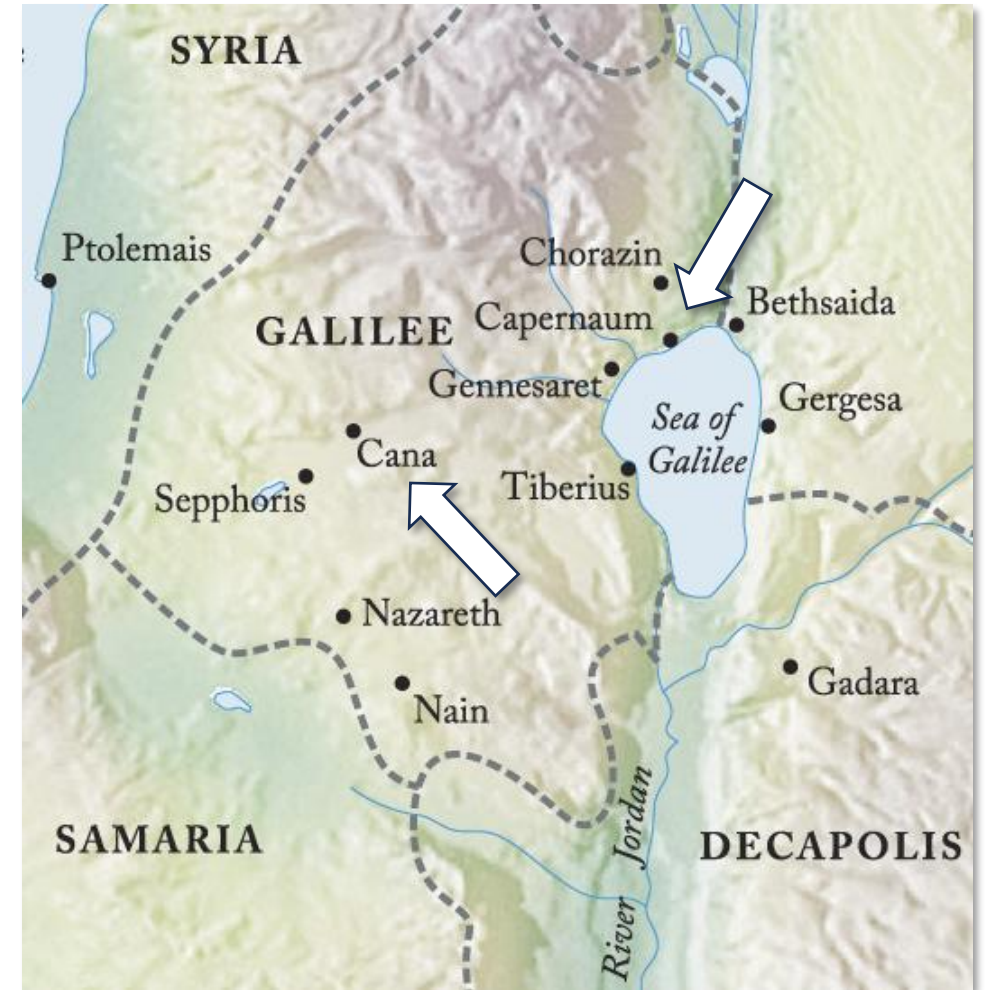
So He came again to **Cana** in Galilee, where He had made the water wine.

And at **Capernaum** there was an official whose son was ill.

When this man heard that Jesus had come from Judea to Galilee, he went to Him and asked Him to **come down and heal his son**, for he was at the point of death.

(John 4:46-47)

Capernaum to Cana was 25-30km, perhaps a little more than 1 day's walk



One more conversation

“Unless you see signs and wonders
you will not believe.”

“Sir, come down before my child dies.”

“Go; your son will live.”

The man **believed the word**
that Jesus spoke to him
and went on his way.

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As he was going down, his servants met him and told him that his son was recovering.

So he asked them the hour when he began to get better, and they said to him,

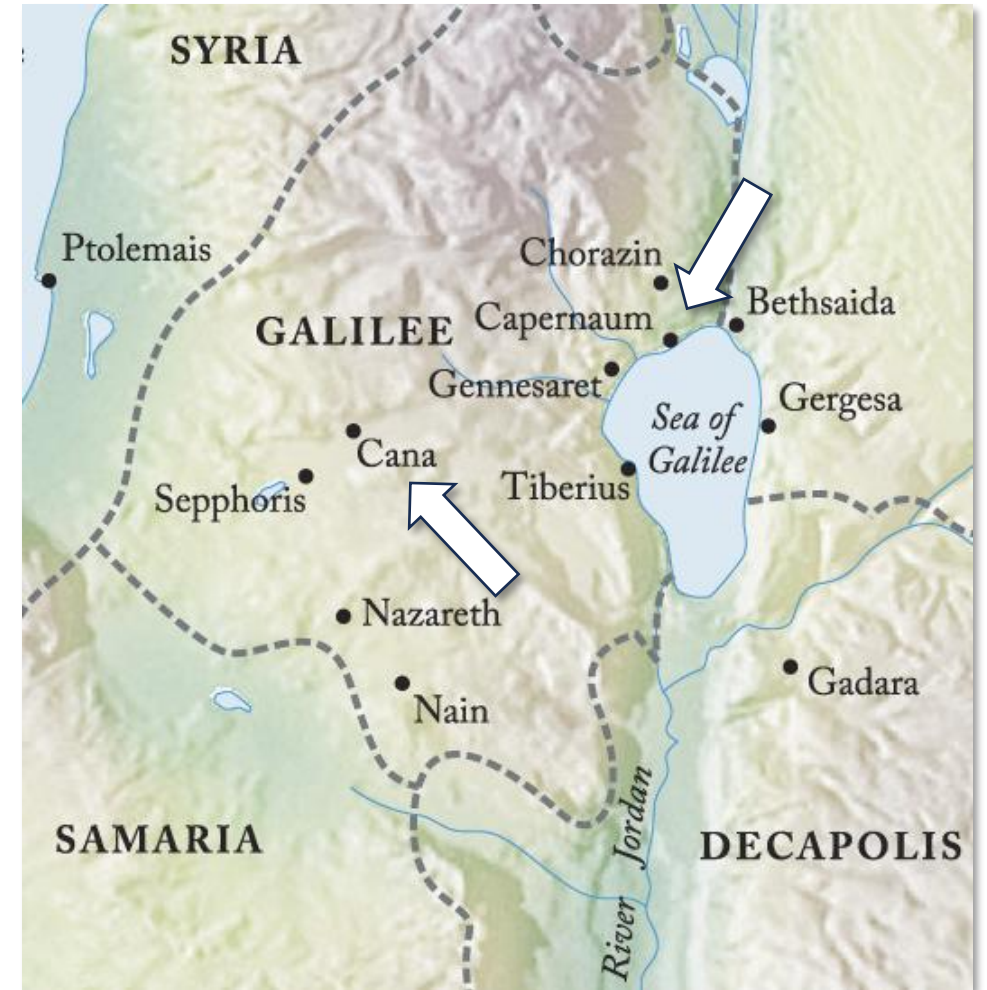
“Yesterday at the seventh hour the fever left him.”

The father knew that was the hour when Jesus had said to him,

“Your son will live.”

And he himself **believed**, and all his household.

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Four conversations

Nicodemus

New birth

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The disciples

Food you do not know

The Capernaum official

Faith before sight



Four conversations

*“You are from below; I am from above.
You are of this world; I am not of this world.”*

(John 8:23)

*“...you are not of the world...
but I chose you out of the world...”*

(John 15:19)

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