



“How is it that You, being a Jew, ask a drink from me, a Samaritan woman?” – John 4:9



Lessons from the Samaritans

4th Sunday of the Holy Great Fast

Introduction

- Then the Jews answered and said to Him, "Do we not say rightly that You are a Samaritan and have a demon?" (Jn. 8:48)
- And when His disciples James and John saw this, they said, "Lord, do You want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them, just as Elijah did?" 55 But He turned and rebuked them, and said, "You do not know what manner of spirit you are of." (Lk. 9:54-55)

The Good Samaritan

- “But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was. And when he saw him, he had compassion.”
(Lk. 10:33)





Healing of Ten Lepers

- “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!” (Lk. 17:13)
- And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, returned, and with a loud voice glorified God, and fell down on his face at His feet, giving Him thanks. And he was a Samaritan. (Lk. 17:16)
- “Arise, go your way. Your faith has made you well.” (Lk. 17:19)





The Samaritan Woman

- Then the woman of Samaria said to Him, "How is it that You, being a Jew, ask a drink from me, a Samaritan woman?" For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans." (Jn. 4:9)
- She was not vengeful

The Samaritan Woman

- “I have no husband.” (Jn. 4:17)
- She was honest with herself



The Samaritan Woman

- “Sir, I perceive that You are a prophet. Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, and you Jews say that in Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship.”
(Jn. 4:19-20)
- Her desire to worship God, was more important to her than her sin



The Samaritan Woman

She wanted to share
her experience with
the Lord Jesus

John 4:34-38

“My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to finish His work. 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 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. For in this the saying is true: ‘One sows 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.”

The Samaritan Woman

- She did not consider the question, “will they listen to me?”
- Then they said to the woman, “Now we believe, not because of what you said, for we ourselves have heard Him and we know that this is indeed the Christ, the Savior of the world.” (Jn. 4:42)
- “Therefore, whether it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.” (1 Cor. 15:11)



Lessons from the Samaritans

1. The Good Samaritan - Compassion
2. Healing of the Ten Lepers – Gratefulness
3. The Samaritan Woman
 - a. She was not vengeful
 - b. She was honest with herself
 - c. Her desire to worship God (her spiritual growth) was more important to her than her sin
 - d. In her excitement, she wanted to share her new discovery
 - e. She did not consider the question, “will they listen to me?”