

The Last Testimony Of John The Baptist

John 3:22-36

The transition from the Old Testament to the New Testament

A. The Timing Of The Transition (3:22-24)

1. The overlap of ministry (3:22-23)

a. In action (v 22)

b. In proximity (v 23)

2. The opportunity for overlap (3:24)

B. The Tests In Transition (3:25-29)

1. Debate (3:25)

Mark 1:44

2. Dissension (3:26)

3. Determination (3:27-29)

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C. The Truths Of Transition (3:30-36)

1. The superiority of Christ (3:30)

Ephesians 4:10

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2. The substance of Christ's superiority (3:31-36)

a. Christ had a heavenly origin (v 31)

**b. Christ knew what was true by firsthand experience
(v 32)**

John 3:11

c. Christ 's testimony always agreed with God (v 33)

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d. Christ experienced the Holy Spirit in an unlimited manner (v 34)

e. Christ is superior because the Father's sovereignty had granted that status to Him (v 35)

f. Christ can only provide eternal life (v 36)

Acts 4:12

3. The sharing of the transition

Acts 18:24-26

A Chance For Ministry
John 4:1-26

We should never pass up a chance for ministry

I. Ministry Leads To More Ministry (4:1-4)

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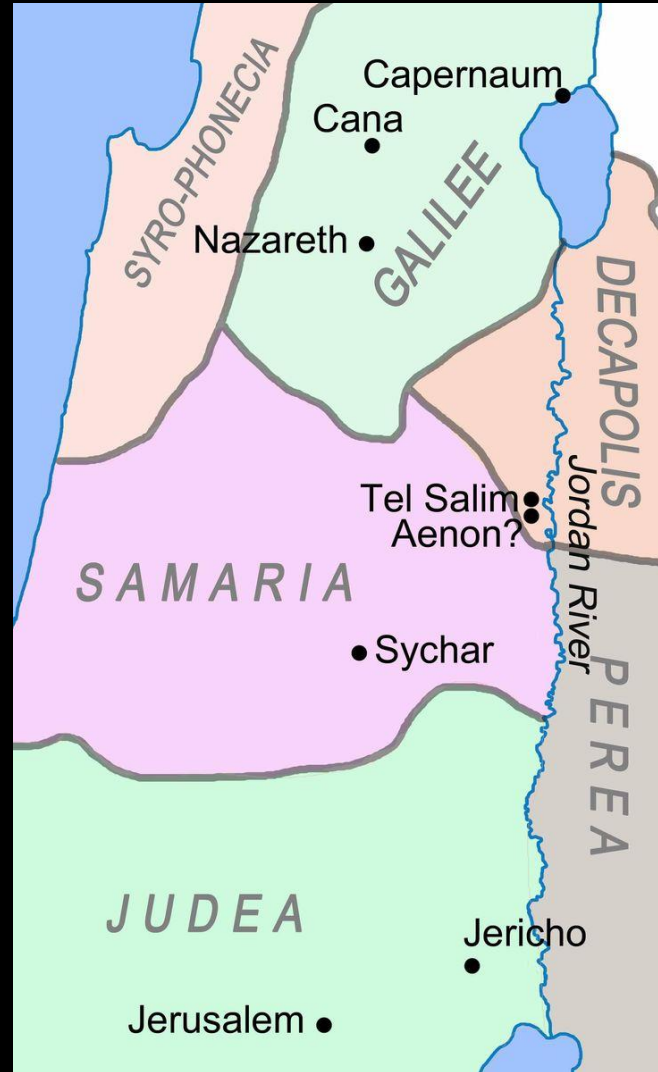
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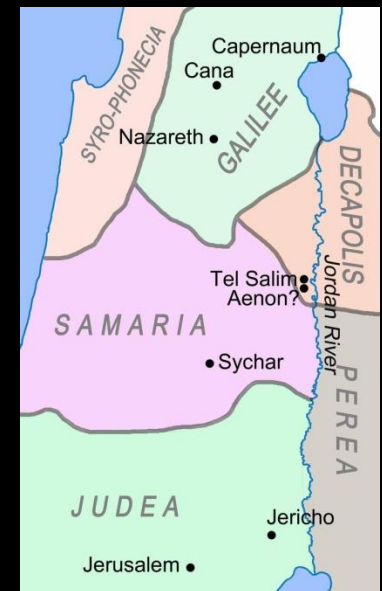
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A. By the Lord's knowledge (4:1)

B. By the Lord's direction (4:3-4)



II. Ministry Leads To Meeting People (4:5-8)

John 4:5-9

5 Then cometh he to a city of Samaria, which is called Sychar, near to the parcel of ground that Jacob gave to his son Joseph.

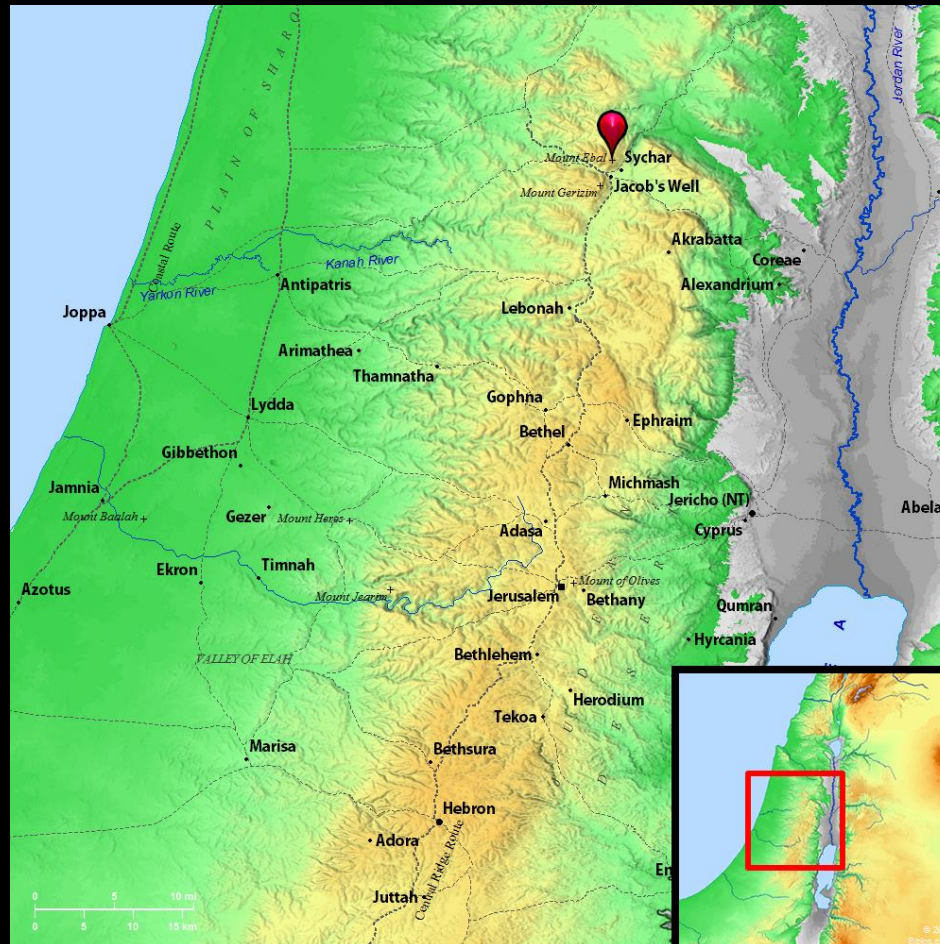
6 Now Jacob's well was there. Jesus therefore, being wearied with his journey, sat thus on the well: and it was about the sixth hour.

7 There cometh a woman of Samaria to draw water: Jesus saith unto her, Give me to drink.

8 (For his disciples were gone away unto the city to buy meat.)

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Deuteronomy 11:26-29

26 Behold, I set before you this day a blessing and a curse;

27 A blessing, if ye obey the commandments of the LORD your God, which I command you this day:

28 And a curse, if ye will not obey the commandments of the LORD your God, but turn aside out of the way which I command you this day, to go after other gods, which ye have not known.

29 And it shall come to pass, when the LORD thy God hath brought thee in unto the land whither thou goest to possess it, that thou shalt put the blessing upon mount Gerizim, and the curse upon mount Ebal.

II. Ministry Leads To Meeting People (4:5-8)

B. Who are brought together by circumstance (4:6-7)

Isaiah 55:1

Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

John 7:37

In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink.

II. Ministry Leads To Meeting People (4:5-8)

C. Who can have a conversation (4:8)

Isaiah 1:18

**Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD:
though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as
snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as
wool.**

III. Ministry Leads To The Message (4:9-12)

John 4:9-12

9 Then saith the woman of Samaria unto him, How is it that thou, being a Jew, askest drink of me, which am a woman of Samaria? for the Jews have no dealings with the Samaritans.

10 Jesus answered and said unto her, If thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of him, and he would have given thee living water.

11 The woman saith unto him, Sir, thou hast nothing to draw with, and the well is deep: from whence then hast thou that living water?

III. Ministry Leads To The Message (4:9-12)

John 4:9-12 - continued

12 Art thou greater than our father Jacob, which gave us the well, and drank thereof himself, and his children, and his cattle?

A. That all need to hear (4:9)

Ephesians 2:12-13

12 That at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world:

13 But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ.

III. Ministry Leads To The Message (4:9-12)

B. That all need to receive (4:10)

Romans 5:18

Therefore as by the offence of one judgment came upon all men to condemnation; even so by the righteousness of one the free gift came upon all men unto justification of life.

C. That all need to understand (4:11-12)

1. How can you get water without a bucket? (v 11)

2. Who do you think you are? (v 12)

IV. Ministry Removes Misunderstandings (4:13-26)

A. About the real need in life (4:13-15)

John 4:13-15

13 Jesus answered and said unto her, Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again:

14 But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life.

15 The woman saith unto him, Sir, give me this water, that I thirst not, neither come hither to draw.

IV. Ministry Removes Misunderstandings (4:13-26)

Proverbs 21:2

**Every way of a man is right in his own eyes: but the Lord
the LORD pondereth the hearts.**

IV. Ministry Removes Misunderstandings (4:13-26)

B. About the way you are living (4:16-19)

John 4:16-19

16 Jesus saith unto her, Go, call thy husband, and come hither.

17 The woman answered and said, I have no husband. Jesus said unto her, Thou hast well said, I have no husband:

18 For thou hast had five husbands; and he whom thou now hast is not thy husband: in that saidst thou truly.

19 The woman saith unto him, Sir, I perceive that thou art a prophet.

IV. Ministry Removes Misunderstandings (4:13-26)

C. About the way you worship (4:20-24)

John 4:20-24

20 Our fathers worshipped in this mountain; and ye say, that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship.

21 Jesus saith unto her, Woman, believe me, the hour cometh, when ye shall neither in this mountain, nor yet at Jerusalem, worship the Father.

IV. Ministry Removes Misunderstandings (4:13-26)

C. About the way you worship (4:20-24)

John 4:20-24 - continued

22 Ye worship ye know not what: we know what we worship: for salvation is of the Jews.

23 But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him.

24 God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.

IV. Ministry Removes Misunderstandings (4:13-26)

D. About who Jesus Is (4:25-26)

John 4:25-26

25 The woman saith unto him, I know that Messias cometh, which is called Christ: when he is come, he will tell us all things.

26 Jesus saith unto her, I that speak unto thee am he.

**Is Ministry A Part Of Your
Life?**