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THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

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He was on His Heavenly Father's timetable.

- John 2:4 "My hour has not yet come."
- John 7:30; 8:20 "His hour had not yet come."
- John 12:23; 13:1; 17:1 "the hour HAS come" or "His hour HAD come."

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Fulfillment of Prophecy:

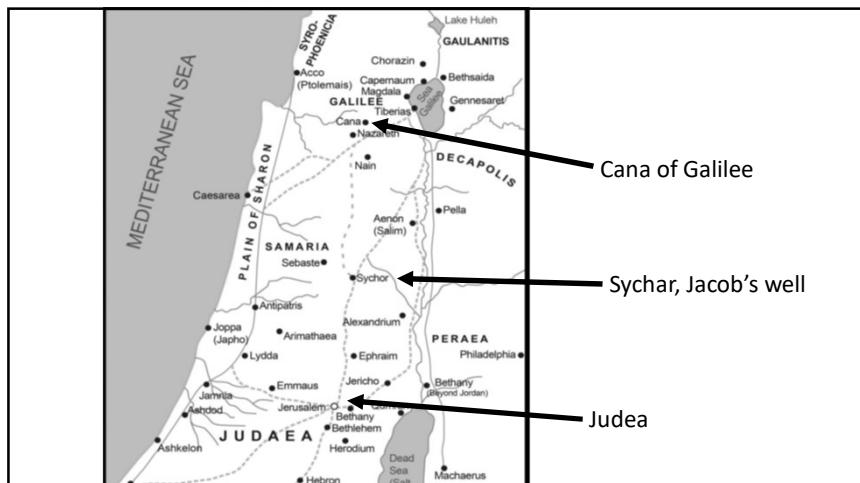
- Isaiah 9:1-2 “... He shall make it glorious, by the way of the sea, on the other side of the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles. The people who walk in darkness will see a great light; those who live in a dark land, the light will shine on them.”
- Isaiah 9:6 “For a child will be born to us, a Son will be given to us...Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace.”

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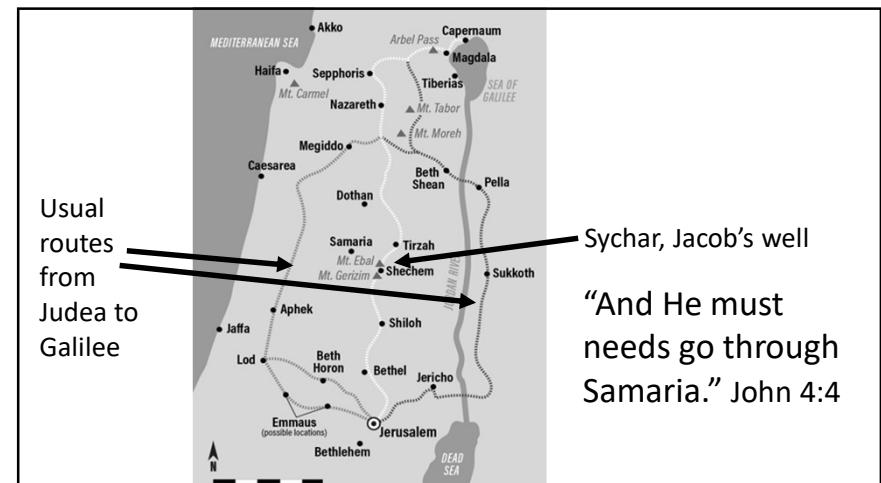
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3. He had a "Divine appointment" to keep.

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II Kings 17:24-41 “*The king of Assyria brought men* from Babylon and from Cuthah and from Avva and from Hamath and Sepharvaim, and settled them in the cities of Samaria in place of the sons of Israel.... But **every nation still made gods of its own** and put them in the houses of the high places which the people of Samaria had made....They also feared the LORD and **appointed from among themselves priests** of the high places....**and served their own gods** according to the custom of the nations....**So while these nations feared the LORD, they also served their gods**; their children likewise and their grandchildren, as their fathers did, **so they do to this day.**”

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Ezra 4:1-5 “Now when **the enemies of Judah and Benjamin** heard that the people of the exile were building a temple to the LORD God of Israel, they approached Zerubbabel....and said to them, ‘Let us build with you, for we, like you, seek your God; and **we have been sacrificing to Him since the days of Esarhaddon King of Assyria, who brought us up here.** But Zerubbabel...said to them, ‘**You have nothing in common with us** in building a house to our God....Then **the people of the land discouraged** the people of Judah, and **frightened them** from building, and **hired counselors again them to frustrate** their counsel....”

Nehemiah 4:1-9 Sanballat (with the Samaritans) brings opposition to the rebuilding of the wall around Jerusalem.

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The 3-fold perceived impropriety of His request:

- a Jewish man talking to a Samaritan
- a Jewish man talking to a woman
- a Jewish man drinking from a Samaritan woman's vessel

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Church built over Jacob's Well

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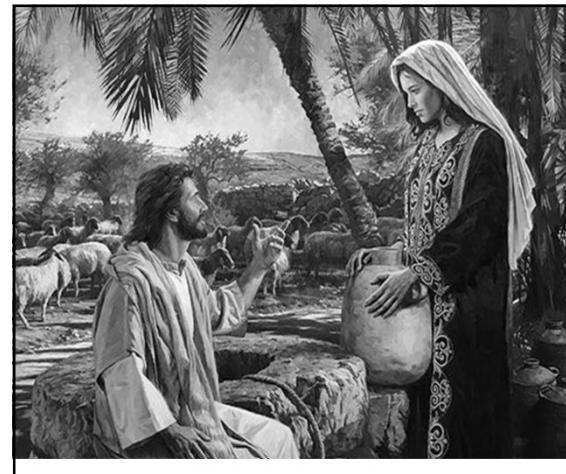


Jacob's Well in
Nablus, West Bank



Jacob's Well in Texas

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Progression in her thinking:

- v.9 "You, being a Jew...."
- v.15 "Sir, give me this water"
- v.19 "You are a prophet"

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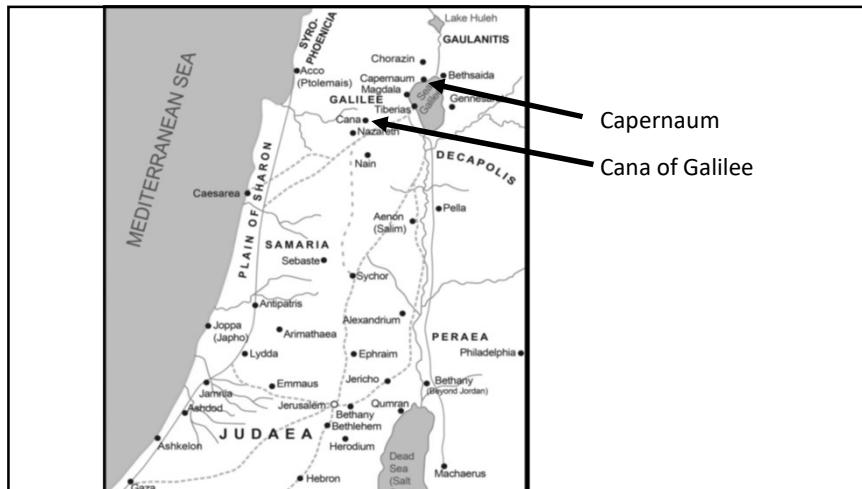
"The LORD your **God will raise up for you a prophet** like me from among you...you shall listen to him.... I will put My words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him."

Deut. 18:15,18

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- "I who speak to you am *He*."
lit.= "I AM, the one speaking to you"
- Exodus 3:14 "God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." And He said, "Thus you shall say to the sons of Israel: 'I AM has sent me to you'"
- The Old Testament "I AM" = Jesus!

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Lessons from John 4:

1. Demonstration of Jesus' omniscience: He knew all about the woman. Jn 4:29
2. Demonstration of Jesus' omnipotence: He can heal, whether physically present or at a distance. Jn 4:50-52
3. Jesus fulfills the prophecies of the Messiah. Jn 4:25-26
4. Salvation is available to all people. He is the "Savior of the world." Jn 4:42
5. Jesus has a mission for His followers to do. The "fields" are ready for "harvest." Jn 4:35

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