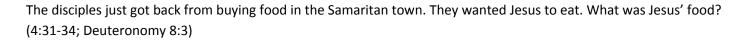
John 4:31-54 - Jesus' Food and His 2nd Sign

Jesus was at Jacob's well which was near Shechem. Shechem was between Mt Gerizim and Mt Ebal. There is a lot of history to Shechem. Jacob bought a field there and Joseph's bones were brought back from Egypt and buried there. When Joshua lead Israel into the promised land, blessing were pronounced at Mt Gerizim and curses were pronounced at Mt Ebal. Another historic event occurred there. It was at Shechem that Israel split as a nation. In 1 Kings 12, the northern tribes said "What portion do we have in David." Verse 19 says "So Israel has been in rebellion against the house of David to this day." (ESV) Jesus came to this same historic area and revealed to the Samaritan woman that he was the Messiah. He was the Christ who was the offspring of David whose kingdom would not end. Would the Samaritan's end their rebellion against the house of David? Would they accept Jesus as the Christ, the Anointed One?

Read John 4:31-42.



Jesus then talked about harvests, sowing and reaping. He didn't want the disciples to harvest barley or wheat. What did Jesus say about harvest, sowers and reapers? What did Jesus mean? How did this apply to the disciples? (4:35-38)

If we peek ahead to verse 45, many people of Galilee had seen Jesus perform signs at the Passover in Jerusalem. Since the Samaritans did not worship in Jerusalem, the Samaritans did not see Jesus perform any signs. How did the Samaritans respond to Jesus before they met him? Why did they respond this way? (4:39)

When the Samaritans met Jesus, what did they want Jesus to do? (4:40)

How did the Samaritans respond to Jesus while he stayed with them? (4:41-42)

Why did many Samaritans believe? What did they believe and know about Jesus? (4:42)

What was the result of the second sign which Jesus did in Cana? (4:25-26)

What does this sign reveal about Jesus?