Jesus’ Mission for the Father’s Worship and the Salvation of the World (4:1-42)

1. Jesus’ Mission Drives His Every Action (vv.1-6)
   1. Jesus’ Decision to Leave for Galilee (vv.1-3)
      1. Because the purpose for His baptism ministry was accomplished
         1. It existed as a temporary way for new disciples to identify with Him.
         2. It existed to point forward to the ultimate Baptism Jesus came to provide (cf. 1:33; 3:5, 14-15).
      2. Because of the Pharisees’ knowledge
         1. He perhaps wanted to avoid question as to whether He claims to be Messiah (cf. 1:19).
         2. He wanted to press on in His mission, since knowledge of His replacing John was now widely known.
   2. Jesus’ Determination to Pass Through Samaria (v.4)
      1. It was common practice

*“It was the custom of the Galileans, when they came to the holy city at the festivals, to take their journeys through the country of the Samaritans.” (Josephus, Ant. 20:118)*

* + 1. It was a divine necessity (“*dei”* in John—3:14; 3:30; **10:16**; 20:9)
  1. Jesus’ Arrival in Samaria (vv.5-6)
     1. The location in Samaria
        1. The field Jacob gave to Joseph (cf. Gen. 33:19; 48:22; Jos. 24:32)
        2. The well of Jacob
     2. The presentation of Jesus as the ultimate Bridegroom (cf. Gen. 24; 29; John 2:1-11; 3:28-29)
        1. This is important in order to know His love (cf. Eph. 5:25-27; Song 4:7)

*“You are altogether beautiful, my love; there is no flaw in you” (Song 4:7)*

* + - 1. This is important in order to know our identity (cf. Rev. 21)
    1. The display of the human nature of Christ