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)*
2. *Jesus’ Mission Aims at Providing Living Water to Thirsty Sinners (vv.7-15)*
3. *Jesus’ Mission Eternally Transforms Worship (vv.16-26)*

1. Jesus’ Mission Demands Eager Gospel Proclamation (from Himself and His followers) (vv.27-38)
   1. The Samaritan woman models zealous gospel witness in response to the person and work of Christ (vv.27-30)
      1. The empty-handed disciples bring back only bread (v.27)
      2. The zealous woman brings back men (vv.28-30)
         1. Her haste

*“John reports that the woman abandoned her waterpot, signifying that she was more concerned with the water of eternal life than the natural water she had originally come to seek.” (Keener)*

* + - 1. Her message
         1. She models the proper response to knowing Christ (cf. 1:46) in contrast to the disciples (cf. 4:8, 27).
         2. She cheerfully acknowledges Christ’s knowledge of her life of sin (and everything else)!

*“From Jesus’ knowledge of her personal life she had concluded he must be, at very least, a prophet; from the ensuing discussion she had begun to perceive that he was the prophet.” (Carson)*

* + - 1. Her produce

*“No less than Philip, she becomes a model for witness; in this case, however, she brings virtually an entire town!” (Keener)*

*“The disciples had just been down to the town—they who knew the Master much longer and better. They brought back some loaves. That was all. The woman went down; she brought back some men.” (Morris)*

* 1. Christ models urgent gospel labor in response to the work which lies before him (vv.31-38)
     1. The shallow disciples are preoccupied with food (v.31)
     2. The satisfied Son is nourished with spiritual food (vv.32-38)
        1. The food of seeking to do His Father’s work (vv.32-34)
        2. The food of seeking to harvest a ready crop (vv.35-38)
           1. The harvest is ripe and is in need of urgent attention (v.35)
           2. The harvesters have great reward (vv.36-38)

The reward of reaping souls for eternal life (v.36)

The joy of having a role in the eschatological harvest (v.37; cf. Amos 9:13)

The privilege of reaping the fruit of the labors of those who went before (v.38)

*“Jesus and his followers arrive at that moment in redemptive history when the eschatological harvest begins.” (Carson)*