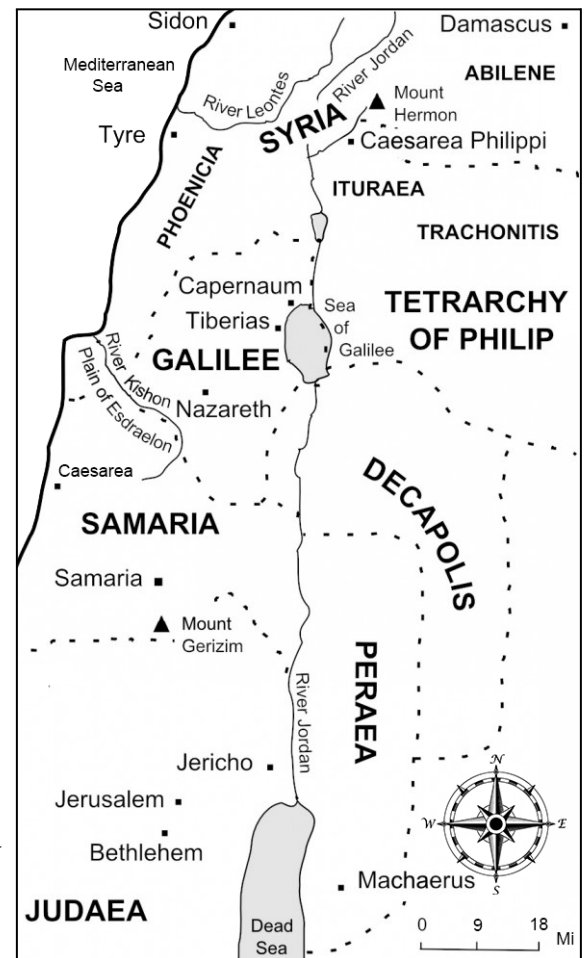


# The Chosen, Season 1: Episode 8

## Context

- Canaan, 1952 B.C.
  - Between when Jacob returned to Canaan with Rachel and Leah and when they moved to Egypt during the famine
- “[Jesus] left Judea and went back once more to Galilee. Now he had to go through Samaria. So he came to a town in Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of ground Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob’s well was there, and Jesus, tired as he was from the journey, sat down by the well. It was about noon. When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, ‘Will you give me a drink?’ (His disciples had gone into the town to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, ‘You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink?’ (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, ‘If you knew the gift of God



and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water.’ ‘Sir,’ the woman said, ‘you have nothing to draw with and the well is deep. Where can you get this living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did also his sons and his livestock?’ Jesus answered, ‘Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life.’ The woman said to him, ‘Sir, give me this water so that I won’t get thirsty and have to keep coming here to draw water.’ He told her, ‘Go, call your husband and come back.’ ‘I have no husband,’ she replied. Jesus said to her, ‘You are right when you say you have no husband. The fact is, you have had five husbands, and the man you now have is not your husband. What you have just said is quite true.’ ‘Sir,’ the woman said, ‘I can see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you Jews claim that the place where we must worship is in Jerusalem.’ ‘Woman,’ Jesus replied, ‘believe me, a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You Samaritans worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know, for salvation is from the Jews. Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth.’ The woman said, ‘I know that Messiah’ (called Christ) ‘is coming. When he comes, he will explain everything to us.’ Then Jesus declared, ‘I, the one speaking to you—I am he.’ Just then his disciples returned and were surprised to find him talking with a woman. ...leaving her water jar, the woman went back to the town

and said to the people, 'Come, see a man who told me everything I ever did. Could this be the Messiah?'... Meanwhile his disciples urged him, 'Rabbi, eat something.' But he said to them, 'I have food to eat that you know nothing about.' Then his disciples said to each other, 'Could someone have brought him food?' 'My food,' said Jesus, 'is to do the will of him who sent me and to finish his work. ...open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest...'” (see John 4:1-26)

- “While Jesus was having dinner at Matthew’s house, many tax collectors and sinners came and ate with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they asked his disciples, ‘Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?’ On hearing this, Jesus said, ‘It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. But go and learn what this means: “I desire mercy, not sacrifice.” For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners.’” (see Matthew 9:10-13)
- “...Simon’s mother-in-law was suffering from a high fever, and they asked Jesus to help her. So he bent over her and rebuked the fever, and it left her. She got up at once and began to wait on them.” (see Luke 4:38-39)

## Discussion

- In this episode, Nicodemus didn’t follow Jesus, but left a financial contribution. Is that what you expected? Do you think he will follow Jesus at a later time? Compare Nicodemus’ response and Matthew’s response to Jesus saying “follow me”. How would you respond?
- In this episode, there was a theme of being seen. Hagar was mentioned by Nicodemus, and then Jesus said that he saw Eden and recognized her contribution to his ministry. Do you feel seen by God?
- In the Gospel of John, the Woman at the Well was the first person to whom Jesus proclaims himself as the Messiah. Her social status was pretty much the lowest possible. What do you gather from that? How does that compare with the shepherds at his birth? What might that say about who Jesus came for?
- The Woman at the Well could be considered the first evangelist. She told everyone! Have you ever been as excited about Jesus as the Woman at the Well was when she first heard that he was the Messiah?