



BREAKING THE SILENCE

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JOHN 4:39-42 NKJV – (39) And many of the Samaritans of that city believed in Him because of the word of the woman who testified, “He told me all that I ever did.” (40) So, when the Samaritans had come to Him, they urged Him to stay with them; and He stayed there two days. (41) And many more believed because of His own word. (42) Then they said to the woman, “Now we believe, not because of what you said, for we ourselves have heard *Him* and we know that this is indeed ^athe Christ, the Savior of the world.”

The woman told more than one person about her experience. Her eagerness to tell others about Jesus was obviously boiling over. Leaving her water jar not only meant she'd forgotten her chore, but she'd left a valuable piece of her own property behind. Whether she intended all the time to come back and get it, we don't know.

This Samaritan woman shows her shrewd and clever mind. In Jesus' day, women were considered unreliable witnesses. Fair or not, the Samaritan woman knew that if she made any overt claims about Jesus, they'd be dismissed.

No matter how a person looks at it, this is embarrassing for the disciples. These men are the students of Christ, and they know Him better than anyone else. And yet, they have told no one about Jesus. They didn't bring a single person back to meet Jesus. Several verses from now, a large number of Samaritans from the town will come to see Him. But they will have been brought by a woman with a sinful reputation, of all people.

Nevertheless, she brings many people to Christ, both physically (**John 4:35**), and in terms of salvation (**John 4:41-42**). We the church must be on the mission to do the same.

SCRIPTURE READING: JOHN 4:43-45

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: "We must act out passion before we can feel it."