



July 23

## *Confused Disciples—Enlightened Samaritans*

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Wicked people earn deceitful wages,  
 but one who sows righteousness reaps a sure reward...  
 There is one who scatters, and increases yet more...  
 He who waters shall be watered also himself. – Proverbs 11:17,24-25

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[John 4:27-42] At this, his disciples came. They marveled that he was speaking with a woman; yet no one said, “What are you looking for?” or, “Why do you speak with her?” So the woman left her water pot, and went away into the city, and said to the people, “Come, see a man who told me everything that I did. Can this be the Christ?” They went out of the city, and were coming to him.

In the meanwhile, the disciples urged him, saying, “Rabbi, eat.”

But he said to them, “I have food to eat that you don't know about.”

The disciples therefore said one to another, “Has anyone brought him something to eat?”

Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of him who sent me, and to accomplish his work. Don't you say, ‘There are yet four months

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until the harvest?’ Behold, I tell you, lift up your eyes, and look at the fields, that they are white for harvest already. He who reaps receives wages, and gathers fruit to eternal life; that both he who sows and he who reaps may rejoice together. For in this the saying is true, ‘One sows, and another reaps.’ I sent you to reap that for which you haven't labored. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor.”

From that city many of the Samaritans believed in him because of the word of the woman, who testified, “He told me everything that I did.” So when the Samaritans came to him, they begged him to stay with them. He stayed there two days. Many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, “Now we believe, not because of your speaking; for we have heard for ourselves, and know that this is indeed the Christ, the Savior of the world.”

1. The disciples have known Jesus a few months. How does he break their/your paradigms?
  
2. Have people that you told about Jesus experienced him for themselves? How so?
  
3. Jesus, today I'll sow your seed or reap what others have sown so that I can gather...