Announcements

- Welcome to the MOB!
- Next MOB meeting: December 2, 2014
- Pastor Tim and Elyssa Pinkard farewell November 23, 5:15 pm Sunday evening
- Thanksgiving Holiday Food Box Drive put box in atrium by November 23, 1200 noon
- Christmas by Candlelight, December 11-14 Order tickets online; Volunteers needed
- Website: www.ibcmob.net

Memory Verse

John 4:14 (ESV)

"but whoever drinks of the water that I
will give him will never be thirsty again.
The water that I will give him
will become in him a spring of water
welling up to eternal life."

John's Purpose

John 20:30-31

30 Now Jesus did many other signs in the
presence of the disciples, which are not
written in this book; 31 but these are written
so that you may believe that Jesus is the
Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing
you may have life in his name.

The Gospel According to John

Outline

Focus	Incarnation of the Son of God	Presentation of the Son of God	Opposition to the Son of God	Preparation of the Disciples	Crucifixion and Resurrection of the Son of God
Reference	1:1-18	1:19-4:54	5:1-12:50	13:1-17:26	18:1-21:25
Division	Introduction to Christ	Revelation of Christ	Rejection of Christ	Revelation of Christ	Rejection of Christ
Topic	Seven Signs			Upper Room Discourse	Supreme Sign
	That you might believe			That you might have life	
Time	A Few Years			A Few Hours	A Few Weeks

Last Week

John 3:1-36

John 3:1-21 Jesus witnesses to Nicodemus

John 3:22-36 John the Baptist witnesses about Jesus

This Week

John 4:1-42 **Jesus Witnesses…**

John 4:1-26 to the Woman at the Well

John 4:27-38 to the Disciples

John 4:39-42 to the Samaritans

John 4:1-42

Jesus Witnesses in Samaria

1 Now when Jesus learned that the Pharisees had heard
that Jesus was making and baptizing more disciples than
John 2 (although Jesus himself did not baptize, but only his
disciples), 3 he left Judea and departed again for Galilee.
4 And he had to pass through Samaria. 5 So he came to a
town of Samaria called Sychar, near the field that Jacob
had given to his son Joseph. 6 Jacob's well was there; so
Jesus, wearied as he was from his journey, was sitting
beside the well. It was about the sixth hour.

John 4:1-42

Jesus Witnesses in Samaria

7 A woman from Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to
her, "Give me a drink." 8 (For his disciples had gone away into
the city to buy food.) 9 The Samaritan woman said to him,
"How is it that you, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a woman
of Samaria?" (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.)
10 Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who
it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have
asked him, and he would have given you living water."

John 4:1-42

Jesus Witnesses in Samaria

11 The woman said to him, "Sir, you have nothing to draw
water with, and the well is deep. Where do you get that
living water? 12 Are you greater than our father Jacob? He
gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did his sons
and his livestock." 13 Jesus said to her, "Everyone who
drinks of this water will be thirsty again, 14 but whoever
drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty
again. The water that I will give him will become in him a
spring of water welling up to eternal life." 15 The woman
said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I will not be
thirsty or have to come here to draw water."

John 4:1-42

Jesus Witnesses in Samaria

16 Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come
here." 17 The woman answered him, "I have no husband."
Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no
husband'; 18 for you have had five husbands, and the one
you now have is not your husband. What you have said is
true." 19 The woman said to him, "Sir, I perceive that you
are a prophet. 20 Our fathers worshiped on this mountain,
but you say that in Jerusalem is the place where people
ought to worship." 21 Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe
me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain
nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father.

John 4:1-42

Jesus Witnesses in Samaria

22 You worship what you do not know; we worship what
we know, for salvation is from the Jews. 23 But the hour is
coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will
worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is
seeking such people to worship him. 24 God is spirit, and
those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth."
25 The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming
(he who is called Christ). When he comes, he will tell us all
things." 26 Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am he."

John 4:1-42

Jesus Witnesses in Samaria

27 Just then his disciples came back. They marveled that
he was talking with a woman, but no one said, “What do
you seek?” or, “Why are you talking with her?” 28 So the
woman left her water jar and went away into town and
said to the people, 29 “Come, see a man who told me all
that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?” 30 They went out
of the town and were coming to him.

John 4:1-42

Jesus Witnesses in Samaria

31 Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, saying, “Rabbi,
eat.” 32 But he said to them, “I have food to eat that you do
not know about.” 33 So the disciples said to one another,
“Has anyone brought him something to eat?” 34 Jesus said
to them, “My food is to do the will of him who sent me and
to accomplish his work. 35 Do you not say, ‘There are yet
four months, then comes the harvest’? Look, I tell you, lift
up your eyes, and see that the fields are white for harvest.

John 4:1-42

Jesus Witnesses in Samaria

36 Already the one who reaps is receiving wages and
gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper
may rejoice together. 37 For here the saying holds true,
'One sows and another reaps.' 38 I sent you to reap that
for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you
have entered into their labor."

John 4:1-42

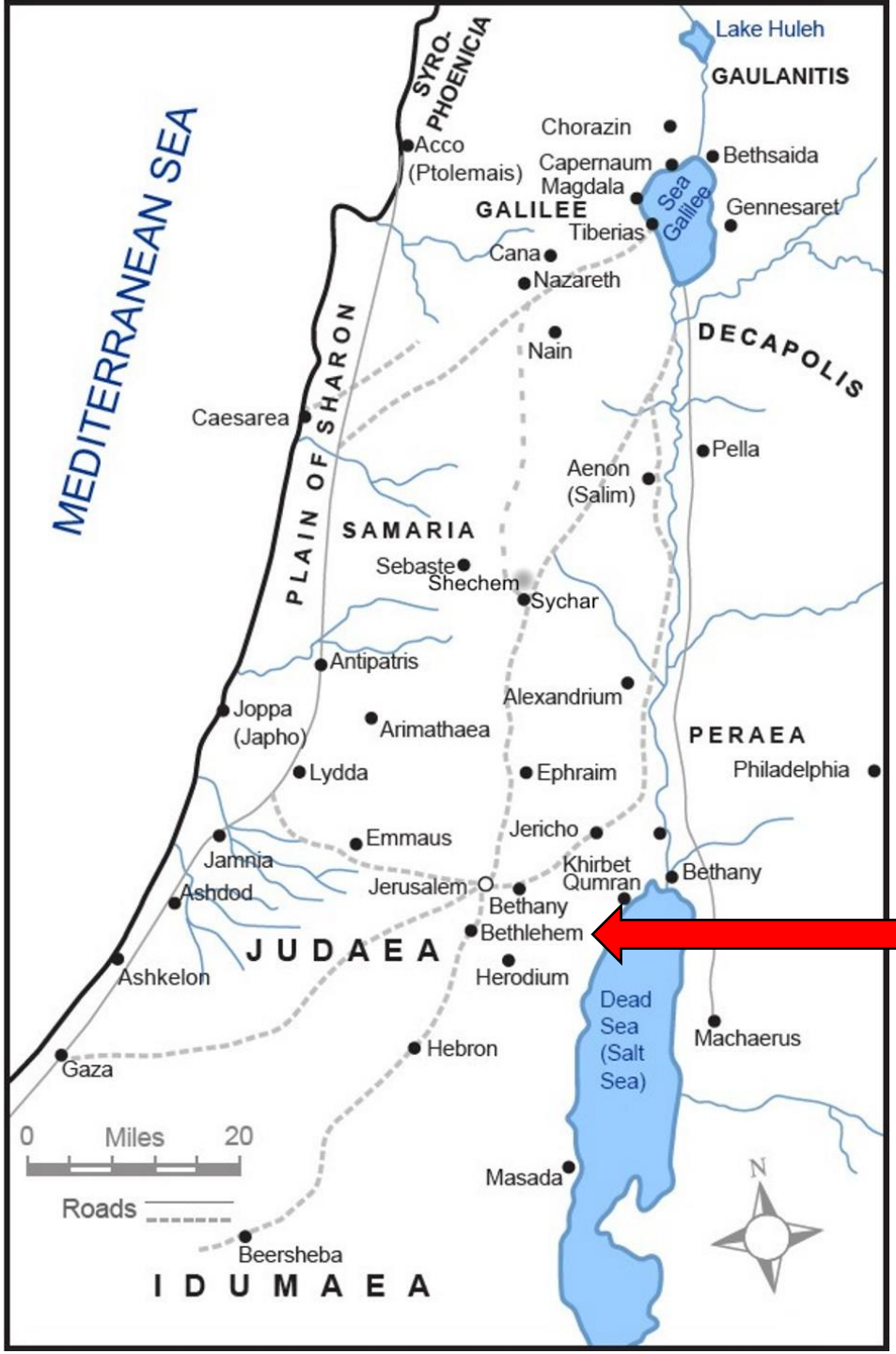
Jesus Witnesses in Samaria

39 Many Samaritans from that town believed in him
because of the woman's testimony, “He told me all that I
ever did.” 40 So when the Samaritans came to him, they
asked him to stay with them, and he stayed there two
days. 41 And many more believed because of his word.
42 They said to the woman, “It is no longer because of what
you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves,
and we know that this is indeed the Savior of the world.”

John 4:1-42

Jesus Witnesses in Samaria

- Where was Jesus at the beginning of John Chapter 4?
- Where was He going?
- What route did He take to get to His destination?



Where is Judea?

Where is Galilee?

John 4:1-42

Jesus Witnesses in Samaria

The route through Samaria:

- Several roads led from Judea to Galilee. The one through the heart of Samaria was generally the shortest route.
- The custom of Jews at the time of great festivals in Jerusalem was to travel through Samaria, even if they did not feel comfortable from a social standpoint about traveling through Samaria.

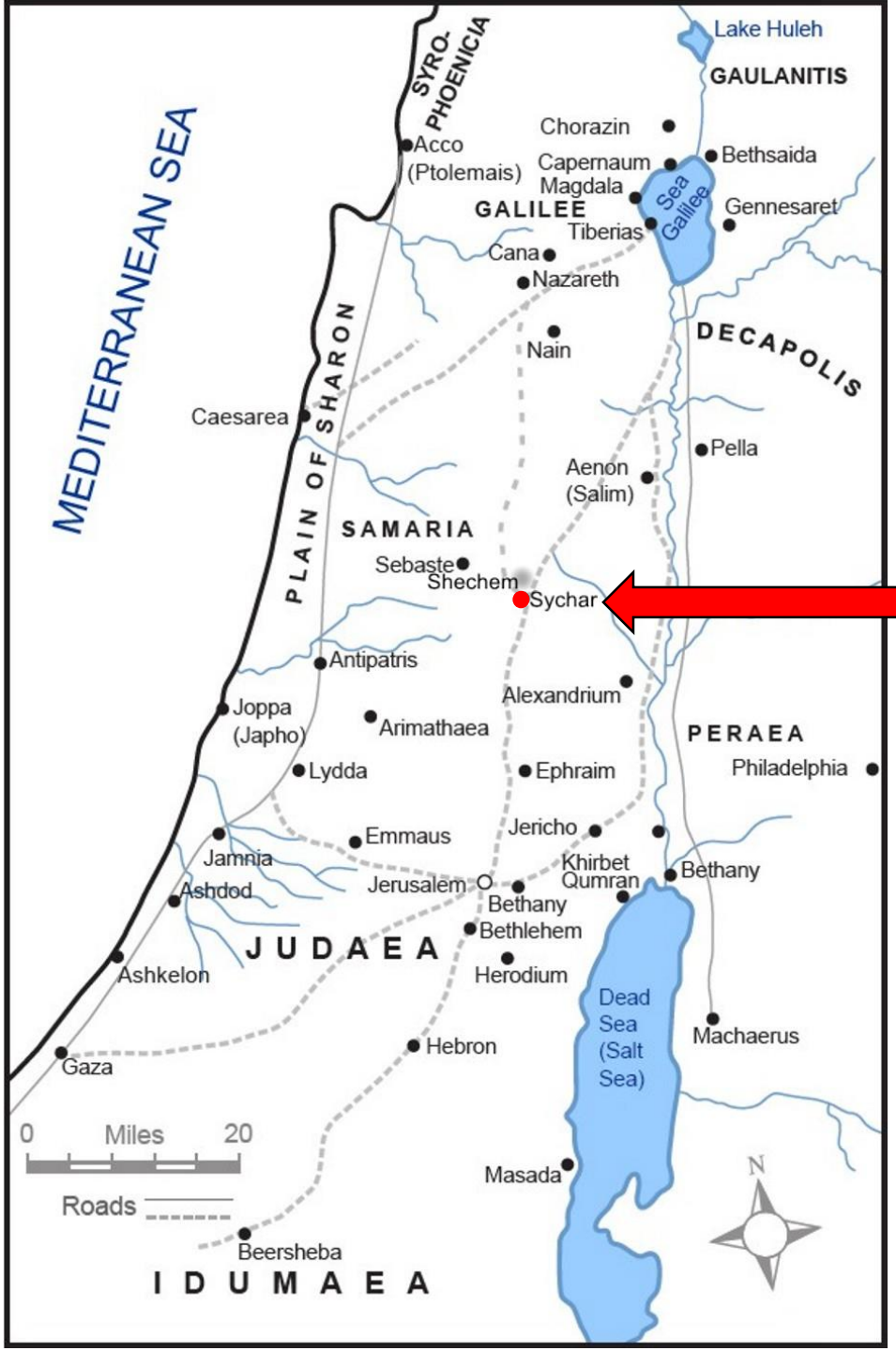
Route through Samaria (continued):

- John 4:4, "And **he had to** pass through Samaria…," may indicate Jesus traveled this route to save time or was it a providential route?

John 4:1-42

Jesus Witnesses in Samaria

- Where is Sychar?
- What is the historical background of the territory of Samaria?



Where is Sychar?

(modern day Nablus)

John 4:1-42

Jesus Witnesses in Samaria

Samaria Historical Summary:

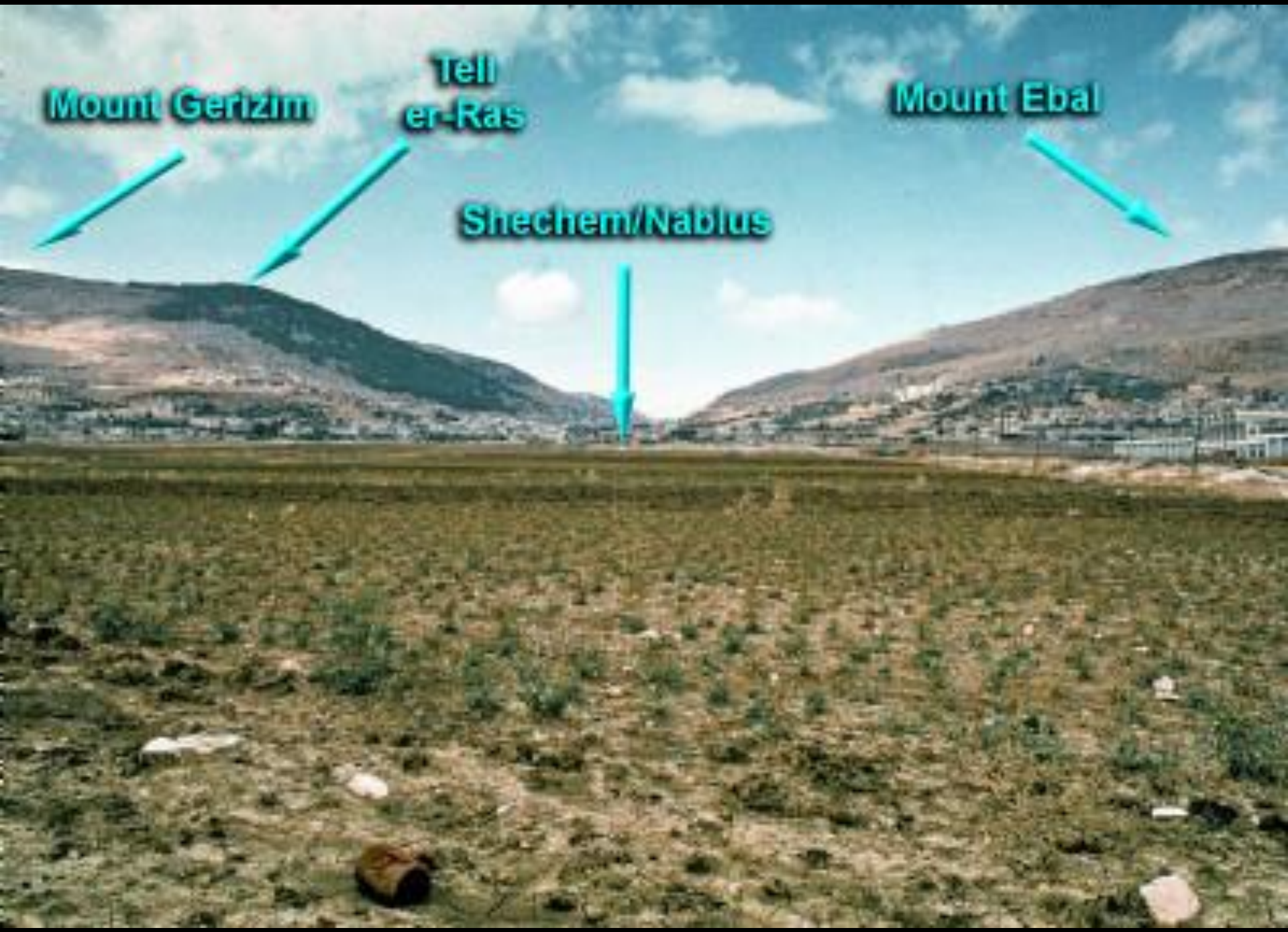
- Nation of Israel split after Solomon's rule
- Capital of northern kingdom was Samaria

  1 Kings 16:21-24
- Assyria conquered Israel circa 722 BC

  2 Kings 17
- Assyria transported many Israelites away, but left some Israelites and brought other nationalities into Samaria

Samaria Historical Summary (Con't):

- Israelites and other groups remaining in Samaria after the invasion by Assyria intermingled forming a mixed race
- Samaritans established their own temple for worship at Mount Gerizim in Samaria John 4:21
- Jews considered Samaritans to be heretical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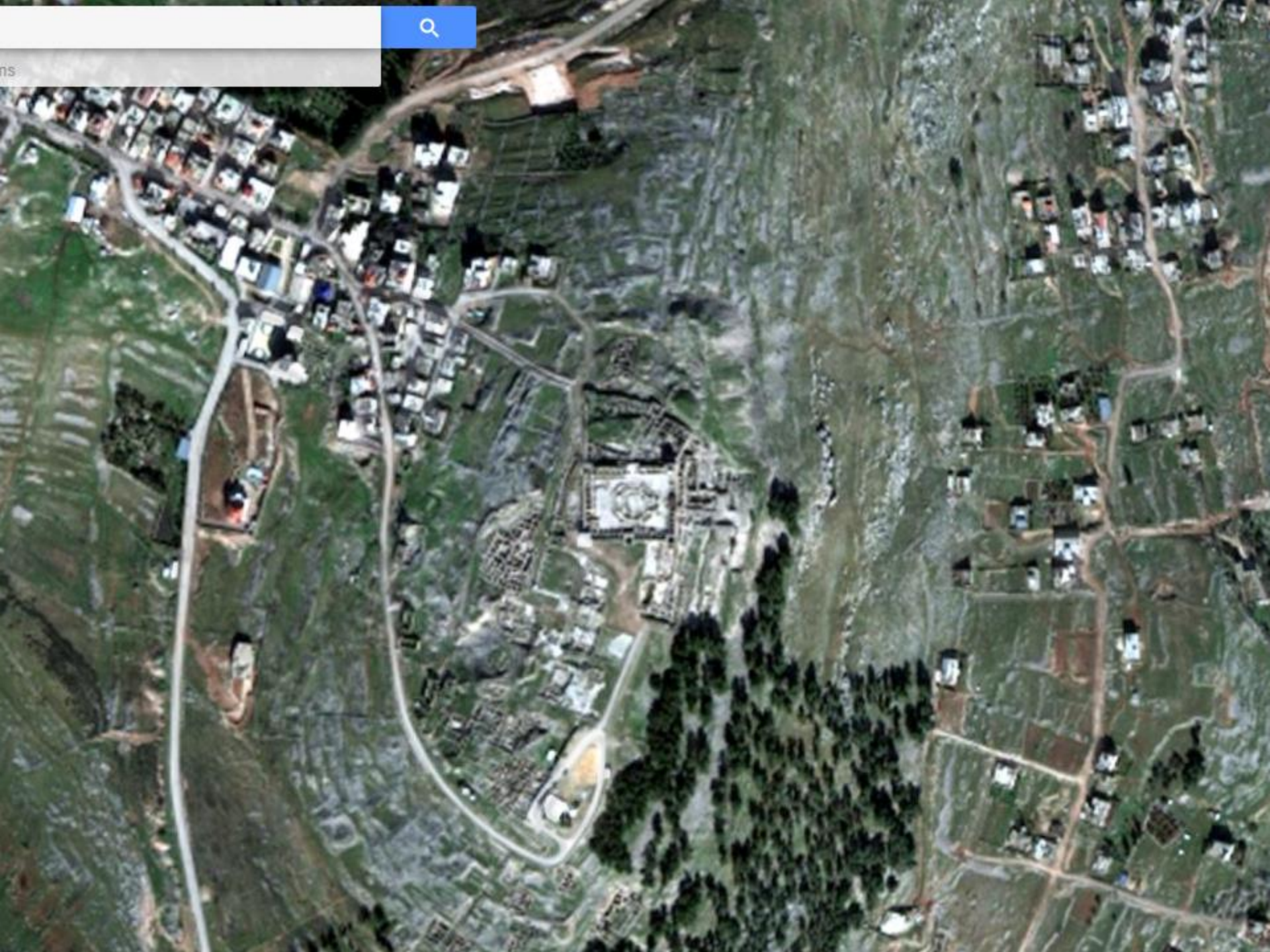

John 4:1-42

Jesus Witnesses in Samaria

- In light of the historical background of Samaria, did the woman expect Jesus to speak with her?
- What is the possible importance of Jacob's well?
- What is the importance of Jesus' revealing the woman's marital history in John 4:17-18?
- Could there be some importance in how John orders the timing of Jesus' witness to the Samaritans in contrast to His testimony to others in the Gospel According to John?

John 4:1-42

Jesus Witnesses in Samaria

- What are two issues that that the disciples focus on in John 4?

- Are we likely to focus on similar issues today?

Application & Discussion

1. How can you reach out and minister to people outside of your "comfort zone"?
2. How can you keep your focus on the things Jesus focused on in his discussion with the disciples in John 4?
3. How can you become sowers and/or reapers as Jesus tells his disciples in John 4:38?

Closing

- Questions?
- Comments?
- Closing Prayer