

Have You Gone Through Samaria?

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Text: John 4:1-15

Samaria was a place where no Jewish person really belonged and it would certainly appear Jesus of all people would not have a purpose for going through such a place. That's often the problem with how people think. People tend to think God only works in certain places and under certain circumstances. If that's our perspective, we're mistaken.

The fact is, sometimes the journey with Christ takes us to uncertain places in life, places where we do not easily see the will of God, but if we look with spiritual eyes it is there! That's why it is important that we not stop short just because we cannot see what God intends for us to do. In times when life feels a little uncertain God can always provide a sense of certainty to our purpose.

Consider the following *certainties* of going through our own Samaria.

- I. **Sometimes the Journey Takes Us Where We See No Purpose.**
- II. **Sometimes the Journey Takes Us Where We Feel We Don't Belong.**
- III. **Sometimes the Journey Takes Us Beyond Our Comfort Zone.**
- IV. **The Good News is the Journey with Christ Will Always Take Us Where There Is an Opportunity to Do God's Will.**

Conclusion

Of all the *certainties* we will experience, one thing remains certain in every place or situation, we must look for the opportunity to serve God's purpose.