West Valley Church of Christ – October 18, 2026

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Sunday Bible Study: 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday Devotional: 6:00 p.m.

GOD DESIRES ALL TO BE SAVED

There is a story in John's gospel (John 4) about Jesus and a woman at a well that proves God desires all people saved (1 Timothy 2:4). John tells us Jesus had decided to leave Judea and head back to Galilee. John 4:4-5, "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." When the Bible tells us Jesus "had to go through Samara," or as the King James Version phrase reads, "He must needs go through Samaria," it was a figure of speech. It sounds on the surface like Jesus did not have a choice if He was going to get to Galilee. However, while it is true Samaria was positioned between Judea in the south and Galilee in the north, there were other routes He could have taken. They were longer routes, but routes traditional Jews often chose to take because of their distaste for Samaritans. Therefore, I suggest that at the time of the writing of John, he is pointing us to something deeper by the phrase, "had to go through Samaria." Yes, Jesus had to go through because His purpose was not to avoid the Samaritans, but to contact them. Specifically, a woman at the well who came to understand Jesus was the Messiah and He alone had the message of eternal hope and salvation.



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