

# Hosea Lesson 43

## Facts About the Samaritans

- The **Samaritans** initially included people who were placed by the king of Assyria “in the cities of **Samaria** instead of the people of Israel” (2 Kings 17:24, 29).
- Jesus at first told the apostles not to enter any city of the **Samaritans** (Matthew 10:5).
- A village of the **Samaritans** did not receive Jesus, and Jesus rebuked James and John when they wanted “to tell fire to come down from heaven and consume them” (Luke 9:52).
- Jesus told the parable of the good **Samaritan** (Luke 10:25-37).
- Jesus cleansed ten lepers, but only a **Samaritan** (called a “foreigner” by Jesus) returned to give him thanks (Luke 17:11-19).
- Jesus spoke with a **Samaritan** woman at Jacob’s well. John told us that “Jews have no dealings with **Samaritans**,” and the woman confirmed that the **Samaritans** were descendants of the Jews who remained in the land (“our father Jacob”). The woman also confirmed that the **Samaritans** did not worship in Jerusalem, but instead worshiped “on this mountain” (Mount Gerizim). “Many **Samaritans** from that town believed in him because of the woman’s testimony,” Jesus stayed with them for two days, “and many more believed because of his word” (John 4:1-45).
- Some of the Jews blasphemed Christ by saying, “you are a **Samaritan** and have a demon” after Jesus told them they were not Abraham’s children (John 8:39-47).
- Just prior to his ascension, Jesus said to his followers, “you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and **Samaria**, and to the end of the earth” (Acts 1:8).
- **Samaritans**, including Simon the Sorcerer, were taught by Philip and obeyed the gospel. When the apostles in Jerusalem heard “that **Samaria** had received the word of God,” they sent Peter and John, who prayed and laid their hands on them so that “they might receive the Holy Spirit.” They returned to Jerusalem, “preaching the gospel to many villages of the **Samaritans**” (Acts 8:9-25).
- “So the church throughout all Judea and Galilee and **Samaria** had peace and was being built up. And walking in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, it multiplied” (Acts 9:31).
- On their way to Jerusalem, Paul and Barnabas “passed through both Phoenicia and **Samaria**, describing in detail the conversion of the Gentiles, and brought great joy to all the brothers” (Acts 15:2-3).



**Jacob’s well between Mounts Ebal and Gerizim. Measurements in the 1930s indicated the well is about 135 feet deep.**



**Mount Gerizim as viewed from the entrance to Jacob’s well.**