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The disciples were worried about Jesus' health. His humanity is seen in this story!

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He wanted them to see each moment as a chance for a harvest.

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The Samaritans asked Jesus to stay with them and many more became followers of Christ.

The woman had asked for the people to “come and see,” and what they saw was that Jesus really is the Saviour of the world.

Some Lessons to Consider:

1. We have seen two one-on-one meetings with Jesus. One of them was a righteous, important, Jewish man, and the other was a sinful Samaritan woman. But both needed Jesus equally.
2. The first community to be transformed by the saving power of Jesus was a non-Jewish community. Salvation is definitely “from the Jews”, but not only “for the Jews.”
3. The first thing that the Samaritan woman does after meeting Jesus is to go tell others. Is this my desire?
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