

John 4:25

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

The woman saith unto him, I know that Messias cometh, which is called Christ: when he is come, he will tell us all things.

Analysis

The woman's Messianic expectation ('Messias cometh') shows Samaritan hope for the Prophet like Moses who would 'tell us all things.' Her statement sets up Jesus' climactic self-revelation. Even deficient theology retained truth about God's promise to send a definitive revealer and redeemer.

Historical Context

Samaritans called the expected one 'Taheb' (the Restorer) based on Deuteronomy 18:15-18. Though their messianic expectations differed from Jewish ones, they shared belief in a coming divine agent who would resolve disputes and restore true worship.

Related Passages

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Study Questions

1. How does even imperfect knowledge of Scripture prepare hearts for Christ's revelation?

2. What does the woman's confidence that Messiah will 'tell us all things' reveal about humanity's deep need for truth?

Interlinear Text

λεγόμενος	αὐτῷ	ό	γυνή	Οἶδα	ὅτι	Μεσσίας	ἔλθη
is called	unto him	which	The woman	I know	that	Messias	cometh
G3004	G846	G3588	G1135	G1492	G3754	G3323	G2064
ό	λεγόμενος	Χριστός·	ὅταν	ἔλθῃ	ἐκεῖνος	ἀναγγελεῖ	
which	is called	Christ	when	cometh	he	he will tell	
G3588	G3004	G5547	G3752	G2064	G1565	G312	
ἡμῖν	πάντα						
us	all things						
G2254	G3956						

Additional Cross-References

John 1:49 (Parallel theme): Nathanael answered and saith unto him, Rabbi, thou art the Son of God; thou art the King of Israel.

Matthew 1:16 (References Christ): And Jacob begat Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom was born Jesus, who is called Christ.

John 4:42 (References Christ): And said unto the woman, Now we believe, not because of thy saying: for we have heard him ourselves, and know that this is indeed the Christ, the Saviour of the world.

John 4:29 (References Christ): Come, see a man, which told me all things that ever I did: is not this the Christ?