

# John 4:8

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

(For his disciples were gone away unto the city to buy meat.)

## Analysis

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The disciples' absence to buy food creates opportunity for Jesus' private conversation with the woman. God's providence arranges circumstances for gospel encounters. Their later surprise (v. 27) at finding Jesus talking with her reveals how radical His ministry was, even to those closest to Him.

## Historical Context

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Samaritan cities would have had markets where Jews could purchase food, though strict Jews avoided such commerce. The disciples' willingness to buy food in Sychar shows practical necessity overriding some prejudices.

## Related Passages

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**Romans 1:17** — The righteous shall live by faith

**Hebrews 11:1** — Definition of faith

## Study Questions

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1. How does God arrange providential circumstances for evangelistic opportunities?
2. What does the disciples' shock teach us about how Jesus constantly challenged cultural norms?

## Interlinear Text

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οἱ	γὰρ	μαθηταὶ	αὐτοῦ	ἀπεληλύθεισαν	εἰς	τὴν	πόλιν
G3588	(For	disciples	his	were gone away	unto	G3588	the city
	G1063	G3101	G846	G565	G1519		G4172
ἵνα	τροφὰς	ἀγοράσωσιν					
to	meat	buy					
G2443	G5160	G59					

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