

***Rejoicing Sowers and Reapers (John 4:34-54)***

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**INTRODUCTION**

**EXPOSITION**

**Unlike the woman, the twelve ignored sowing opportunity (4:34-35)**

**Despite reward for sowing, He told them to join in reaping (4:35-38)**

**Many believed because of what Jesus told the woman (4:39)**

**He stayed two days at the Samaritans' request (4:40)**

**Many more believed after hearing Him themselves (4:41-42)**

**He left Sychar for Galilee, since prophets are not celebrities at home (4:43-44) 2**

This verse starts w/ *For*, explaining either His arrival (or departure).

1. Some see it as explaining His departure from Judea, but (1) He left Judea three days earlier, (2) 4:1-2 already explained His departure from Judea. The departure from Judea requires no further explanation.

I reject view 1, so I do not see Judea as His home region, despite birth in Judea to Joseph/Mary (Judeans by birth).

2. No one views 4:43 as explaining His departure from Samaria, because Samaria cannot be His *patria*. (He neither lived in Samaria nor had Samaritan ancestry.

I cannot see Samaria as His home region.

3. That leaves Galilee as His home region. 4:43 explains that He came to Galilee (where he grew up) because He was not a celebrity there.

Since 4:45 speaks of a positive reception in Galilee (His home region), I regard 4:43 positively. How is this?

**Galilee welcomed Him ( not as celebrity), having seen His signs at Passover (4:45)**

**As Jesus returned to Cana, a royal official urged Him to come 3 to heal his dying son (4:46-47)**

**Messianic signs were essential to cause Jews to believe (4:48)**

1Cor 1:22 For Jews request a sign & Greeks seek after wisdom.

Jews sought signs as proof of the Messiah by God's design:

Deut 18<sup>15</sup> The LORD your God will raise up for you a Prophet like me [Moses] ... Him you shall hear... <sup>18</sup> "I will raise up for them a Prophet like you from among their brethren, and will put My words in His mouth, and He shall speak to them all that I command Him. <sup>19</sup> ... whoever will not hear My words, which He speaks in My name, I will require it of him. <sup>20</sup> But the prophet who presumes to speak a word in My name, which I have not commanded him to speak, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that prophet shall die." <sup>21</sup> And if you say in your heart, "How shall we know the word which the LORD has not spoken?" — <sup>22</sup> when a prophet speaks in the name of the LORD, if the thing does not happen or come to pass, that is the thing which the LORD has not spoken; the prophet has spoken it presumptuously; you shall not be afraid of him.

John's Gospel has 8 signs proving Jesus is Messiah (20:30-31)

*4:48 does not rebuke the father. Jesus states God's design.*

***Seeking signs was fine, but Jews often asked for another sign while rejected the very sign Jesus offered them. The father wants a sign & willingly goes in faith alone (v 50).***

**The father told Jesus to come with him to spare his son (4:49)**

**Hearing, "Your son lives;" the man went believing (4:50) 4:50, 51, 53 say: "Your son lives" [v 51 says "child"]**

**His servants met him, saying, "Your son lives" (4:51)**

**He asked when his son got well; "7:00 yesterday" (4:52)**

**Knowing this was when Jesus said, "Your son lives," both father & household believed (4:53)**

Why does John say the father believed twice (4:50 & 53)?

**This was the 2nd Galilean sign (witnessed by disciples) (4:54)**

John chose disciple-witnessed signs (John 20:30f & 21:24f)

**CONCLUSION**