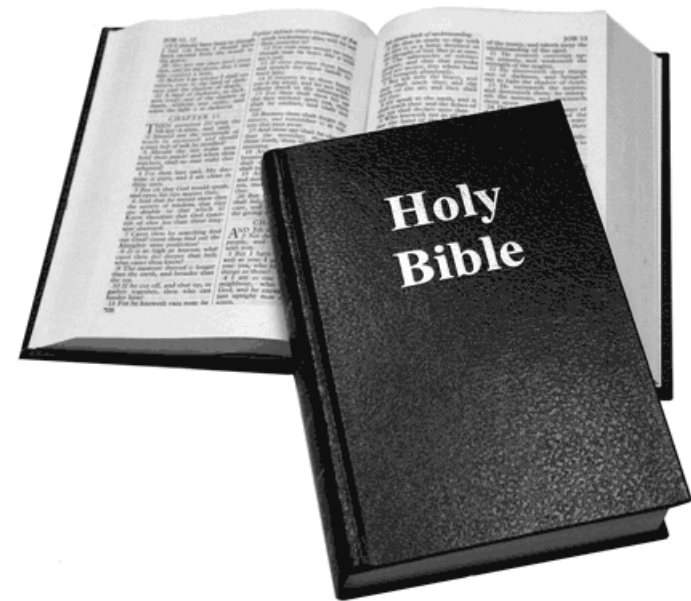


Studies in John – (Study 19)
Did He have to go through Samaria?

Reading: John 4:1-4



*“These things are written so
that you may believe that
Jesus is the Christ...”*

Home Fellowship Group Bible Study notes
Tuesday 1st / Wednesday 2nd June

When John was imprisoned the religious leaders rejoiced for he had been very critical of them. The problem was that now they had to deal with someone else who was on the scene and attracting an even greater following.

- 1) Why was Jesus a concern for the Pharisees?
- 2) Why did Jesus have His disciples baptise rather than do it Himself?
- 3) Why do you think in verse 3 that Jesus responded by leaving the area?
- 4) From the map we see that Jesus had to pass through Samaria in order to get from Judea to Galilee. *What was it about Samaria historically that makes what happens next so significant?*
- 5) From what you have learnt about the background to this problem, what light is shed on Jesus' story about 'The Good Samaritan' in **Luke 10:25-37**?
- 6) In these opening 4 verses John appears to emphasise that Jesus was not intending to stay in Samaria but to pass on to His intended destination of Galilee. *What does this tell us about His ministry at this point?*

