

STUDY GUIDE:
TO LIVE AND BELIEVE—
“The Bad Samaritan” (John 4:1-43)

1. In preparation for this study, read John 4:1-43 (read either in two translations or a different translation than you read last week).
2. Using a Bible map (check in the back of your Bible for a map of Israel at Jesus' time, use a Bible atlas, or use www.biblemap.org) find the regions Judea, Samaria and Galilee, as well as the cities of Jerusalem and Samaria (both a region and a city). Then follow Jesus' route on the trip described in this passage.
3. Using a topical Bible and/or an exhaustive concordance, what do you learn about the Samaritans and why there was dissension between them and the Jews?
4. Who should perform baptisms? (Please explain your answer from this text)
5. Why did Jesus decide to go north?
6. What do we know about the Samaritan woman in this passage?
7. How would a typical Rabbi see her?
8. How do you believe Jesus saw her?
9. What was his response to her?

