

Title: Salt of the earth or thorn in the flesh?
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John 4:9

Then the Samaritan woman said to Him, How do You, being a Jew, ask to drink from me, *I being a Samaritan woman? For Jews do not deal with Samaritan.*

Why did people follow Jesus?

a) Jesus was not a man of reputation

John 6:2

And a great crowd followed Him, for they saw His *miraculous signs which He did on the sick ones.*

b) Because of what he did, not of what he said

John 9:25

Then he answered and said, Whether He is a sinner, I do not know. One *thing I do know; that being blind, now I see.*

c) He met the needs of the people without being religious

d) He did not judge them

John 8:7-11

⁷ But as they continued questioning Him, bending back up, He said to them, *The one among you without sin, let him cast the first stone at her.* ⁸ And bending down again, He wrote in the earth. ⁹ But hearing, and being convicted by the conscience, they went out one by one, beginning from the older ones, until the last. And Jesus was left alone, and the woman standing in *the middle.* ¹⁰ And Jesus bending back up, and having seen no one but the woman, He said to her, Woman, where are those, the accusers of you? Did not one give judgment against you? ¹¹ And she said, No one, Lord. And Jesus said to her, neither do I judge you. Go, and sin no more.