

*For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that **whoever** believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.*

1. How big is "whoever"?

Jewish Nicodemus	Samaritan woman
Man	Woman, v9, v27
Pharisee, ruler of the Jews, teacher	Country bumpkin, rural Samaria v5
Morally upright, religiously devout	A shocking sinner, v18
God's temple is Mt Zion (Jerusalem)	God's temple is Mt Gerizim (Deut 11)
Jewish religion leads to salvation v22	Samaritan religion is ignorance v22

Surely eternal life is not for people like her?

She doesn't understand Jesus, but stays in the conversation, v8-15.

2. What does it mean to believe?

Real belief is not sign belief, v29, v39 (1:50, 2:24,3:2, 3:12, 4:29, 4:39)

Real belief is based on Jesus' words, v25 v41, 42,

3. What does eternal life look like?

WATER - living water, Ezek 37, Rev 22 - living water, nothing dies, paradise..

WEDDING - Jacob's well, Jesus is looking for his bride (the Church)

If Jesus chooses the Samaritan woman, you can't predict who will become a believer