

(12) Return to Galilee (John 4:43-45)

1. Having concluded His passing ministry in Samaria, Jesus completed His journey to Galilee (Jn. 4:43).
2. The Prophet Without Honor Proverb is cited as a motivation for His Galilean relocation (Jn. 4:44).
 - a. The Synoptic gospels record this proverb after incidents of rejection (Matt. 13:57; Mk. 6:4; Lk. 4:24).
 - b. John records this proverb after an incident of acceptance (Jn. 4:41-42), and before another incident of acceptance (Jn. 4:45).
 - c. Some apply the “his own country” reference to Jerusalem (Jn. 4:1).
 - d. Some apply the “his own country” reference to Nazareth, and give this as an explanation for His settling at Capernaum.
 - 1) This would be consistent with the synoptic accounts.
 - 2) But this fails to acknowledge that Capernaum was also “His own” (Matt. 9:1) where He was “at home” (Mark 2:1).
3. The Prophet Without Honor Proverb demonstrates that Jesus was willing to obey the Father’s will for a Galilean ministry even though He understood that it would entail conflict and rejection. Cf. the “had to” of John 4:4.
4. The Galilean reception was based upon their observation of His miracles in Jerusalem (Jn. 4:45,48). [The Genius of the Fourth Gospel](#) has an interesting comment on this passage.