

Christ the Savior of the World

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1. The marvel of it all 4:27 And upon this came his disciples, and **marvelled that he talked with the woman:** yet no man said, What seekest thou? or, Why talkest thou with her? 28 The woman then left her waterpot, and went her way into the city, and saith to the men, 29 **Come, see a man,** which told me all things that ever I did: **is not this the Christ?** 30 Then they went out of the city, and came unto him.

- a. Jesus was talking to a woman
- b. She was not a Jewess. This is our first example of cross cultural evangelism

- c. Salvation is for the entire world not just the Jews. This had to come as a shock to the apostles-very nationalistic and racist
- d. The Jews and Israel somehow got off track and forgot why they were the chosen people
 - i. They had unique privileges bestowed upon them by God
 - 1. **Amos 3:2** You only have I known of all the families of the earth
 - 2. **Deuteronomy 7:6-7** For thou *art* an holy people unto the Lord thy God: the Lord thy God hath chosen thee to be a special people unto himself, above all people that *are* upon the face of the earth. **7** The Lord did not set his love upon you, nor choose you, because ye were more in number than any people; for ye *were* the fewest of all people:
 - ii. The world was to be blessed through them
 - 1. With blessings come great responsibilities
Genesis 12:1-3 Now the Lord had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee: **2** And I will make of thee a **great nation**, and I will **bless thee**, and **make thy name great**;

and **thou shalt be a blessing**: 3 And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and **in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.**

2. They were to bless all people Acts 3:25 Ye are the children of the prophets, and of the covenant which God made with our fathers, saying unto Abraham, And in thy seed shall all the kindreds of the earth be blessed.

iii. They used God's blessings selfishly and lost many of the promises of protection and blessing

iv. They were a blessing to the world in several ways

1. God gave them His Word Romans 12:1-2 **What advantage then hath the Jew? or what profit is there of circumcision?** 2 Much every way: **chiefly,** because that unto them **were committed the oracles of God.**

2. Salvation is of the Jews John 4:22 Ye worship ye know not what: we know what we worship: **for salvation is of the Jews.**

- v. Salvation was never only for the Jews **Romans 3:29** *Is he the God of the Jews only? is he not also of the Gentiles? Yes, of the Gentiles also: Isaiah 45:22* Look unto me, and be ye saved, **all the ends of the earth:** For I *am* God, and *there is* none else.
- vi. The Jews were to take the gospel to the world
Isaiah 42:6 I the Lord have called thee in righteousness, And will hold thine hand, and will keep thee, And give thee for a covenant of the people, **for a light of the Gentiles;** **Isaiah 9:4-6** For **Jacob** my servant's sake, and **Israel** mine elect, **I have even called thee** by thy name: **I have surnamed thee**, though thou hast not known me. **5** I *am* the Lord, and *there is* none else, *There is* no God beside me: **I girded thee**, though thou hast not known me: **6 That they may know from the rising of the sun, and from the west, That there is none beside me. I am the Lord, and there is none else.**

- vii. Forgetting and losing your purpose will cause you to forfeit your reason for existence and the blessings of God on your ministry
 - e. We should learn to take advantage of all opportunities to witness
 - i. Talk to the people where you are
 - ii. Let it be a normal part of your conversation but go for the heart
 - f. When she got saved it was normal and natural for her to go and tell everyone what had happened
2. The motivation for the work **31 In the mean while his disciples prayed him, saying, Master, eat. 32 But he said unto them, I have **meat to eat that ye know not of.** 33 Therefore said the disciples one to another, Hath any man brought him *ought* to eat? 34 Jesus saith unto them, My **meat is to do the will of him** that sent me, and to **finish his work.****
- a. Jesus hungered to do His Father's will
 - i. Jesus came to seek and save that which was lost
 - ii. He came as a servant
 - iii. He came to show people the Father

- iv. He lived His life always thinking of what God's plan was for His life
- b. Jesus was on earth to finish the Father's work
 - i. Salvation is the work of God
 - ii. It starts in His heart
 - iii. Jesus will continue to do exactly what His Father has planned until He says that it is finished on the cross
- c. How often do you consider God's will for your life
 - i. It is not something emotional or feely feely
 - ii. The will of God is to do what He has written
 - iii. Do you have a time that you seek Him to see what His Word says
 - iv. Do you manage your time, your resources, your life, your relationships as though you were living for Him more than for you?
- d. Do you ever consider that He has a work for you to do on this earth during your life time
 - i. Do you seek to live to that end?
 - ii. How much of your energy is focused on fulfilling your purpose in life
 - iii. Do you consider serving God to be your weekend, part time duty and life style?

iv. Do you see your worship and service as less important than your real life?

3. The privilege of the harvest **35** Say not ye, There are yet four months, and *then* cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, **Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest.** **36** And he that reapeth receiveth wages, and gathereth fruit unto life eternal: that both he that soweth and he that reapeth may **rejoice together.** **37** And herein is that saying true, **One soweth, and another reapeth.** **38** I sent you **to reap** that whereon ye bestowed no labour: other men laboured, and ye are entered into their labours.
- a. God the Holy Spirit prepares the harvest **white already to harvest.**
 - b. Reaping the harvest should bring great joy to all of us **he that soweth and he that reapeth may rejoice together.**
 - c. Not all of us have the same ministry in the harvest **One soweth, and another reapeth.**
 - d. We work as a team-He did and does the work but we get to participate

- e. The real work is all done by the Father **I sent you to reap that whereon ye bestowed no labour:**
 - i. We didn't do anything to save them the Father did
 - ii. Jesus paid the price
 - iii. All we do is announce what He did
 - iv. We are rewarded for participating in His work **36 And he that reapeth receiveth wages, and gathereth fruit unto life eternal: that both he that soweth and he that reapeth may rejoice together.**
- f. We must remember it is not our work but His
 - i. We are not in competition because we are all reaping where we did not sow or labor
 - ii. One ministry sowing or reaping is not better than the other nor make us better
 - iii. It is His work
 - iv. No man stands alone or works alone-it is all Him
- 4. Witnessing of your faith **39 And many of the Samaritans of that city believed on him for the saying of the woman, which testified, He told me all that ever I did. 40 So when the Samaritans were come unto him, they besought him that he would tarry with them: and he abode there two**

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- a. Jesus had witnessed naturally - nothing contrived
- b. He simply spoke with the woman from His heart and about the truth
- c. The woman went and told men what Jesus had done in her life
- d. They came and spoke with Jesus because of her
- e. Jesus took time to stay and tell them the gospel
- f. Do you share Jesus in the normal activities of your day?
- g. Is He mentioned in conversation?
- h. Do you share your faith?
- i. Jesus only lived 33 years. He only ministered publicly for about 3 years but was willing to spend 2 full days of that talking with this people. Do you take time to share Jesus with people?

5. He is the Savior of the World

- a. The real meaning of this story is that Jesus is witnessing to a non Jewish person-salvation is for everyone
- b. He is the Savior of the world not just the Jews
- c. His gospel is for all and to be announced everywhere
- d. We believe that truth but how does it affect us
 - i. Are we praying for souls around the world?
 - ii. Are you we offering our own lives to carry the gospel around the world?
 - iii. Are we giving to get the gospel to the world?
 - iv. Do we witness to others around us even if it takes us out of our comfort zone?
 - v. Do we allow racism to keep us from reaching across racial lines to witness and invite others to Jesus and church?