

## **The Woman at the Well**

(John 4:1-42)

- I. **DIVINE APPOINTMENT** (4-6; Mat 9:12-13; Lk 19:10)—**Jesus intentionally seeks out the despised and rejected.**
  - A. **Jesus' Itinerary** (4)—not just *through* Samaria but *to* this woman and this town
  - B. **Jesus' Timing** (6)—to intercept a reclusive soul in its loneliness and shame  
→ Jesus seeks us out in our places of shame and insecurity.
  - C. **Jesus' Method** (6)—*How He brought the gospel*
    1. **A Shared Humanity**—He is *tired*.
      - Our shared humanity creates empathy and opportunity to reach out to others.
    2. **A Profound Humility** (Phil 2:5-8)—He *asks (a woman!) for help*.
      - Our needs connect us to other people.
- II. **PAINFUL WOUNDS**
  - A. **Hated for Race**—She is a ***Samaritan***, a race particularly despised by Jews.  
→ Jesus *drinks* after a Samaritan!
  - B. **Dismissed for Gender**—She is a ***woman***, not considered the equal of a man.  
→ Jesus *talks* with a woman—as if she is worthy of His time and conversation and has a mind capable of understanding!

- C. **Ashamed of Sin**—*She is living an immoral life*, despised by respectable society.  
 → Jesus is a **friend** of sinners!

### III. **EVASIVE MEASURES**...Trying to Hold Jesus at Bay

- A. **Spiritual Dullness** (15)—we want a quick, superficial fix to the pain of life.  
 → Jesus wants to cure the cause of our distress, not just manage the symptoms!
- B. **Doctrinal Distraction** (19, 20)—defense mechanism to avoid revealing her heart  
 → Jesus always goes for the heart!
- C. **Futuristic Abstraction** (25)—*someday we will get around to figuring it out*  
 → Jesus offers us Himself, here and now.

### IV. **The Woman's Testimony** (28-30; Ps 34:1-8; 1 Cor 1:26-31)—woman evangelist

- A. **Not Ashamed of Her Sin Anymore** (Ps 78;)—now only a backdrop for grace
- B. **Jesus Is the Focus and the Hero** (Rom 1:16-17)—not how good (or bad) I am but  
*how worthy Jesus is*
- C. **Bringing Others to Jesus** (39-42; Jn 1:14; Ps 34:4-11; Jer 12:19-21)  
 → Witnessing is one poor beggar telling another beggar where to find bread!

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