

G. To the Samaritan Woman

Christ's Ministry to the Samaritans (John 4:1-42)

1. The Movements of the Savior (John 4:1-6) Christ again was on the move. This time His path led from the province of Judea through Samaria to Galilee.

- a. **He left Judea.** (4:3) On the way to Galilee. Sometimes, His departure is a judgment.
- b. **His divine plan.** (4:4) "Must" go through Samaria. (This region was avoided by Jews. Historical No-Go land for Jews since the Assyrian invasion in 722BC. John 8:48)
- c. **The plot of the ground** (4:5) Sychar = O.T. Shechem. Of great historical significance. Look it up, it played a key role in Abraham's, Jacob's, Joseph's Joshua's life, among others.
- d. **Jesus was "wearied."** (4:6) Reveals His humanity. That He knew her life revealed His Deity.

2. The Meeting with the Savior (John 4:7-24) At Jacob's well, a Samaritan woman had come to the well for water. Christ engaged the woman in conversation in regards to three topics.

a. The Subject of Water (4:7-15)

- i. **His petition** (4:7) Give me to drink
- ii. **Her protest** (4:9) How can you, a Jew, ask me, a Samaritan "woman" for water. This is not Politically Correct! (She is the PC police)
- iii. **His portrayal of the Gospel** (4:10, 13-14) "Living Water" a gift from God is offered!
- iv. **Her perplexity** (4:11, 12) "you have nothing to pull up the water, where would you get living water."
- v. **Her plea** (4:15) Still confused (like Nicodemus), she asks for this water.

b. The Subject of Wickedness (4:16-18)

- i. **The conviction** (4:16a) "Go," call your husband. First part of the Gospel – SIN must be addressed. Sinfulness of man, vs. Holiness of God.
- ii. **The compassion** (4:16b) "Come." The Savior's "TRUTH & GRACE!"
- iii. **The "covering" of wickedness** (4:17a) "I have no husband." Her attempt at concealment.
- iv. **The cognizance of wickedness** (4:17b, 18). You had 5 husbands, and now you are living in SIN. (Jesus did not call it a "significant other.")
- v. **The CATCHING of BREATH** (4: between 18 and 19) GULP!

c. The Subject of Worship (4:19-24)

- i. **The place for worship** (4:20, 21) She changes the subject! She think Jesus is a prophet (4:19), and want to get off the topic of her life. Christ said the place is not important.
- ii. **The problem in worship** (4:22) The location does not matter, if you don't know WHO you are worshipping.
- iii. **The Person of worship.** (4:22b) Salvation is of the JEWS. JESUS! Jesus is directing this woman from the PLACE of worship to the PERSON of worship
- iv. **The prediction about worship.** (4:23) "...in SPIRIT and in TRUTH."
- v. **The pursuit of worship**(4:23B) The Father seeks those. He alone is worthy.
- vi. **The practice of worship** (4:24) Spiritual worship with the heart
- vii. **The purity in worship** (4:24) "in Truth." (This would further convict this woman.)

3. The Identity of the Savior Revealed (John 4:25-26)

- a. The woman's affirmation of the coming Christ (4:25)
- b. Christ's Self affirmation of **His true identity** (4:26)

4. The Mission Trip About the Savior (John 4:28-30) The woman Jesus met at the well went on a mission for the Savior after she had been counseled by Christ at the well.

a. The prerequisite for the mission

- i. Her conversion (4:29) Come see a man, the Christ! Hebrew practice to state a fact in form of a question.
- ii. Her acknowledgement of her sin (4:29) He told me all that I ever did. The town people knew her.

b. The priority of the mission (4:28) She left her water pots.

c. The place of the mission. (4:28,29) Her neighborhood. The men of the city. The ones who knew her.

d. The proclamation of the mission (4:29) Focused on THE CHRIST!

e. The purpose of the Mission.(4:29) "COME"