

- I) **V1-3 INTRO: Therefore when the Lord knew that the Pharisees had heard that Jesus made**
- II) **When we read of Jesus' ministry, it is natural for us to think of the multitudes he cared for
The words multitude and multitudes are often used to describe His ministry and scope**
- III) **He taught multitudes, spoke to multitudes, fed multitudes, and healed multitudes
But He also ministered to individuals: He cared for each individually**
- IV) **We see Him cleansing a leper, healing a centurion's servant, healing Peter's mother in law, healing a paralytic, raising Jairus' daughter from the dead, healing a woman with an issue of blood, healing a man with a withered hand, casting a demon out of a Syro Phoenician woman's daughter, healing a demon possessed boy, or healing a woman bent over and demonized**
- V) **The beautiful fact is that Jesus did not just care for multitudes, but cared for all
This is the story of how Jesus showed love for one person: a woman at a well**
- VI) **V3 QUESTION: Why would Jesus leave Judea and go north, to the region of the Galilee?
He knew that the Pharisees were aware of the dispute about Baptism going on**
- VII) **OBVIOUSLY: They would exploit a division to destroy and undermine their ministries
This is part of how the enemy works: He encourages competitive division to destroy**
- VIII) **John wanted his followers to be followers of Jesus and encouraged them to follow Him
To undermine this, the enemy sowed division
Mk 3:24-25 If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house is divided against itself, that house cannot stand**
- IX) **V3 He left Judea and departed again to Galilee
In doing so, he avoided conflict and secured peace, thus providing a place for unity
Pr 20:3 It is honorable for a man to stop striving, Since any fool can start a quarrel.**
- X) **This is a good way to end arguments over which church is most important
Losing fellowship over carnal things is playing in to Satan's devices
In Essentials Unity, In Non-Essentials Liberty, In All Things Charity**
- XI) **As believers John's followers were intended to become followers of Jesus
John was simply the friend of the Bridegroom: the bride belongs to Jesus**
- XII) **The church needs to remember this simple thing
We belong to the same Savior, and resist the same enemy**

- I) **V4 But He *needed* to go through Samaria**
On one hand, for Him to reach His destination, going through Samaria was necessary
- II) **Since Jesus was in the south, it was necessary for Him to travel north to Galilee**
The route to the north would naturally include passing through the central region
- III) **The Jews did not normally pass through Samaria, and would go east of the Jordan**
In the case of Jesus, He took the direct route instead of avoiding the region
- IV) **V5 So He came to a city of Samaria which is called Sychar, near the plot of ground that John speaks of it being near the plot of ground that Jacob gave to Joseph**
- V) **Jacob bought this field from the children of Hamor for 100 pieces of silver (Gen 33:19)**
There he built an altar, which he dedicated to the covenant God of Israel (Gen 33:20)
Jacob left this portion as an inheritance to Joseph and his children (Gen 48:22)
- VI) **V6 Now Jacob's *well* was there. Jesus therefore, *being wearied* from His journey sat thus**
This well is fed by a spring: Jesus sits on a bench that was by the mouth of the well
- VII) **This points to the humanity of Jesus, as He is tired and needs to rest**
It also provides with with the time that it occurs: *It is now noon, and is very hot*
- VIII) **V7-8 A woman of Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her Give Me a drink.**
Jesus is tired and hungry and His disciples leave for a while to secure Him food
As they are gone, a woman approaches the well to draw some water
- IX) **KEY: This was not by chance, but was the design of God to minister to this woman**
Jn 6:44 No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me *draws him*
- X) **How does Jesus go about reaching her? He initiates a conversation with her**
- XI) **V7 Jesus said to her give Me a drink**
He has a thirst that goes beyond one for water; He has a thirst for her salvation
Lu 19:10 for the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost.
- XII) **V8 He is alone because His disciples have gone away into the city to buy food**
Had the disciples been there, it may have been more complicated to share
WHY: Because it was not normal for a man to speak to a woman, alone
Also, she may not have been as open had there been others present
Jesus was about to expose her sins, and to do so would have caused great embarrassment to her

- I) V9 Then the woman of Samaria said to Him How is it that You, being a Jew, ask a drink
Jesus' speech and clothing identified Him, and it surprised her that He spoke to her
- II) Jews had no dealings with Samaritans:
They were unclean to them and the feelings went deep
They would not eat meals with them, nor use the same eating and drinking vessels
They had no religious connection with Samaritans
- III) WHY NOT? Because Samaritans were looked at as a *pagan mixture* of Jew and Gentile
- IV) They originated as a people group around 722 BC after Assyria conquered Israel
2 Ki 17:24 The king of Assyria brought people from Babylon, Cuthah, Ava, Hamath, and
from Sepharvaim, and placed them in the cities of Samaria instead of the children of Israel;
and they took possession of Samaria and dwelt in its cities.
- V) WHEN THEY MOVED IN: The Lord sent Lions among them and many were killed
Out of fear, they came to believe that the God of Israel was behind this slaughter
2 Ki 17:28-29 Then one of the priests whom they had carried away from Samaria came
and dwelt in Bethel, and taught them how they should fear the LORD. *However* every nation
continued to make gods of its own, and put them in the shrines on the high places which the
Samaritans had made, every nation in the cities where they dwelt.
2 Ki 17:32-33 So they feared the LORD, and from every class they appointed for
themselves priests of the high places, who sacrificed for them in the shrines of the high
places. They feared the LORD, *yet served their own gods*--according to the rituals of the
nations from among whom they were carried away
- VI) 300 YEARS LATER (444-425 BC): The Jews returned after being held captive in Babylon
Under Nehemiah, the Jews rebuilding Jerusalem were opposed by the Samaritans
Neh 4:1-2 But it so happened, when Sanballat heard that we were rebuilding the³ wall,
the he was furious and very indignant, and mocked the Jews. And he spoke before his
brethren and the *army of Samaria* and said "What are these feeble Jews doing? Will they fortify
themselves? Will they offer sacrifices? Will they complete it in a day? Will they revive the stones from
the heaps of rubbish--*stones* that are burned?"
- VII) The Jews would not worship with them: in 400 BC they built a rival Temple on Mt. Gerizim
This Temple was burned down by the Jews in 128 BC
They had no dealings with Samaritans!
- VIII) V10 Jesus answered and said to her If you knew *the gift of God* and who it is who says to
At first she spoke flippantly, being uninterested, but Jesus spoke seriously
Here we see Jesus building a bridge for her to cross in to faith in Him

- I) **IN THIS CONVERSATION:** We see how the Lord reaches across the barriers that divide us
FIRST: He reaches across racial lines (Jews and Samaritans) as love replaces hate
SECOND: He reaches across *gender lines* between a woman and a man
Gal 3:28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus.
- II) **THIRD:** He reaches across moral lines by reaching out to a sexually promiscuous woman
Jn 8:10-11 When Jesus had raised Himself up and saw no one but the woman, He said to her, "Woman, where are those accusers of yours? Has no one condemned you?" She said, "No one, Lord". And Jesus said to her, "*Neither do I condemn you; go and sin no more*
- III) **FOURTH:** He reaches across *religious* lines, offering life to any who would receive Him
Ro 9:25-26 As He says also in Hosea: "I will call them My people, who were not My people, and her beloved, who was not beloved. "And it shall come to pass in the place where it was said to them, 'You are not My people,' There they shall be called sons of the living God."
- IV) V10 Jesus answered and said to her If you knew *the gift of God* and who it is who says to
- V) He does not respond to her comment about the division between Jew and Samaritan
He goes right to the heart of the matter and in doing so, He arouses her curiosity
- VI) V10 NOTICE: If you knew the (totally free) Gift of God and who it is
- VII) He appeals to her present need in two distinct levels
FIRST: *Obviously* she is physically thirsty, so he refers to her physical thirst
This is something that she is presently experiencing
- VIII) He uses her physical thirst to awaken her awareness of a spiritual thirst
Ps 63:1 O God, You are my God; Early will I seek You; My soul thirsts for You; My flesh longs for You In a dry and thirsty land Where there is no water.
Jer 2:13 For My people have committed two evils: They have forsaken Me, the fountain of living waters, *And* hewn themselves cisterns--broken cisterns that can hold no water.
- IX) **POINT:** I am offering you salvation: The gift of God is life in Jesus
He offers living (drinking) water: Jn 3:16
Ro 6:23 For the wages of sin is death, but *the gift of God* is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord
- X) V11-12 **THE WOMAN:** Said to Him *Sir*, You have nothing to draw with and the well is deep
At this point, she is thinking on a practical level: You are offering fresh water to drink?
POINT: You have nothing to draw it up with: The well is over 100' deep!

- I) I don't see anything especially spectacular about You! Are You greater than Jacob?
This gives us a simple insight into His normal appearance
Is 53:2 For He shall grow up before Him as a tender plant, And as a root out of dry ground. He has no form or comeliness; And when we see Him, There is no beauty that we should desire Him.

- II) V13-14 JESUS ANSWERED: And said to her Whoever drinks of this water will thirst again
I am offering you something that will permanently satisfy your real needs
Lu 12:15 And He said to them, "Take heed and beware of covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of the things he possesses."

- III) QUOTE: The soul's greatest thirst is for *God Himself*, who has made us so that we can never be satisfied without Him

- IV) JESUS IS SAYING: I am offering you a life that is fresh, satisfying, and pure

- V) POINT: I am offering you that which will satisfy your thirst forever
Jn 6:35 And Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. He who comes to Me shall never hunger, and he who believes in Me *shall never thirst*."

- VI) V15 The woman said to Him *Sir* give me this water that I may not thirst nor come here to
Is it possible that she is simply humoring Him, thinking Him to be a bit strange?

- VII) V16 Jesus now takes her a step deeper: Go call your husband and come here
KEY: To have this living water requires a *confession of sin and repentance*

- VIII) V17 The woman answered and said I have no husband
There are those who believe that Jesus never confronted sinners

- IX) This request is a gentle way of exposing her sin

- X) V18-19 You have had 5 husbands and the 1 whom you now have *is not your husband*
Heb 4:13 Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

- XI) You cannot have life if you as long as you remain in sin: Living together is sinful
Eph 5:5 For this you know, that no fornicator, unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God.

- XII) V20-24 Our fathers worshiped on this mountain and you Jews say that in Jerusalem is the
As religious as she was, it certainly did not produce morality!

- I) If your faith does not change your life: What good is it?
- II) V22 You worship *what you do not know*; we know what we worship for salvation is of the
They rejected the prophets, the psalms, and the historical books of the Bible
- III) Because they did not know scripture, they did not know salvation
This should put an end to the belief that "all roads lead to Heaven"
- IV) V23-24 But the hour is coming and now is when the true worshipers will worship the
You cannot simply go through the forms of worship (singing, reading, praying, giving)
Worship is from the innermost part of the spirit
- V) V25-26 The woman said to Him I know that *Messiah is coming*
She may be evading His call: I have time, I can wait, I don't need to do anything yet!
Jesus closes this last door: I who speak to you am He: Now what are
you going to do?