

John 4:3-30

The “Irreligious” Person

Image Church // One More Week 5

Introduction

Building update- Pictures- Work Day on Saturday Feb. 26th...

Alright, if you have your bibles Turn to John 4

We're in a series called **One More...**

- Last week we looked at Jesus' encounter with a religious person named Nicodemus, this week we're going to look at Jesus' encounter with an irreligious person...
- I'm sure many of you know someone like this... Little to no interest in God or the church, living life doing their own thing... *Might acknowledge God*, but lives with little regard to Him...
- You remember the YOLO crew... Could be them
- Could be the workaholic crew- my job is my identity... *Yung Ralph: I look like money... Lives with little regard for God...*

Maybe you're here this morning and this is you- you live with little to no regard for God, I'm so glad that you're here!

Well Jesus encountered someone like that and we're going to look at His encounter and use it as **a Tool** that I believe is going to have an impact on everyone in this room regardless of where you are...

This is going to appeal to the **Non-Christian** and the **Christian**...

Let's jump in we're going to pick up in verse 3...

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3 he [Jesus] left Judea and went again to Galilee. **4** He had to travel through Samaria; **5** so he came to a town of Samaria called Sychar near the property that Jacob had given his son Joseph.

Alright so Jesus sets out to Galilee and to get there He goes through Samaria... Here's an important thing to understand to help shape the context... The Samaritans and the Jews didn't like each other...

The Samaritans were half Jew and half Canaanite, and they had created their own religion...

- Jewish people looked down on them and thought they were unclean half-breeds...
- Samaritans hated the Jews for it...
- Lots of racism, hatred and tension here...

Alright, let's jump back in... Jesus is traveling and the come to Samaria...

Verse 6 Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, worn out from his journey, sat down at the well. It was about noon.

7 A woman of Samaria came to draw water.

Notice the time that this woman is there... noon... This is not the typical time women would come get water and they wouldn't typically come alone... Somethings up...

“Give me a drink,” Jesus said to her, **8** because his disciples had gone into town to buy food.

9 “How is it that you, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a Samaritan woman?” she asked him. For Jews do not associate with Samaritans.

Now, you have to see the **intentionality of Jesus**... Jesus reached across almost every possible barrier that there was (Racial, social, cultural, gender) ... This was radical!!

- Jesus was always breaking down wrong views in order to establish the right views...

Nicodemus and this women get the same audience and intentionality from Jesus... There is no favoritism...

So this Samaritan woman is like hold up... What are you doing?!?

Verse 10 Jesus answered, "If you knew the gift of God, and who is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would ask him, and he would give you living water."

11 "Sir," said the woman, "you don't even have a bucket, and the well is deep. So where do you get this 'living water'? **12** You aren't greater than our father Jacob, are you? He gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did his sons and livestock."

Oh, the irony here... Honey you have no idea, *yet!*

13 Jesus said, "Everyone who drinks from this water will get thirsty again. **14** But whoever drinks from the water that I will give him will never get thirsty again. In fact, the water I will give him will become a well of water springing up in him for eternal life."

Jesus is saying listen- I'm not talking about this water here from this well- everyone that comes here is gonna have to come back and get more...

But I'm offering you something different, something greater- what I'm extending to you is more satisfying than this water- and it will sustain you more than water, and the quench will last longer than water...

This water will temporarily sustain you but I'm offering something that will sustain you forever...

And it's not something that **you** obtain for yourself- it's something that **I give you**...

He's wanting her to see that there's a need that exists that's greater than the need for water... There's a deeper thirst that exists that only Jesus can quench...

But the woman doesn't see it yet... Look at what she says...

Verse 15 "Sir," the woman said to him, "give me this water so that I won't get thirsty and come here to draw water."

She's like, *Ok, I'm in! Give me some of that... I don't want to have to hike up here at noon anymore and work to draw this water!*

Her framework is external... But Jesus has been talking about something internal— *a well that springs up inside...*

She's still missing what Jesus is offering... She's missing the point that Jesus is making that ***there's nothing physical that can ever truly sustain you...***

And Jesus is about to bring that to light in classic Jesus fashion...

Verse 16 "Go call your husband," he told her, "and come back here."

17 "I don't have a husband," she answered.

"You have correctly said, 'I don't have a husband,'" Jesus said. **18** "For you've had five husbands, and the man you now have is not your husband. What you have said is true."

Why does Jesus do this?? I mean this is not at all how I would have played this!!

What he's doing is revealing that her need is so much greater than physical... That she needs something more than physical satisfaction...

- That ***there's a thirst inside of her***... not for water but for fulfillment and satisfaction... but she's been looking in all the wrong places to fulfill it...
- Her attempts at fulfillment and satisfaction in physical things had failed...
- She had been looking in all the wrong places for all the wrong things that couldn't give her what she ultimately wanted and needed...

What she really needed was sitting right in front of her! She needed Jesus!

He meets her right where she is... **Go get your husband...** Love this imagery...

- Go get the thing that you're most ashamed of- the reason why you're here at noon...

Listen, and some of you need to hear this: **Jesus sees the deepest darkest parts of you and says bring it here...**

***All of us are thirsty-** some of you are drinking from the wrong fountain!

- *Examples...*

*What I love is that Jesus' answer isn't stop being thirsty, it's drink from the right fountain...

- *Flesh this out...*

OK, let's keep reading she's almost there...

Verse 19 "Sir," the woman replied, "I see that you are a prophet.

20 Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you Jews say that the place to worship is in Jerusalem."

- **At best-** she perceives that He's a prophet and wants to raise some questions about some points of tension between what the Samaritans believe and what the Jews believe...
- **At worst-** This was a deflection... This is what a lot of people do...

Verse 21 Jesus told her, "Believe me, woman, an hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem.

22 You Samaritans worship what you do not know. We worship what we do know, because salvation is from the Jews. **23** But an hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in Spirit and in truth. Yes, the Father wants such people to worship him. **24** God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in Spirit and in truth."

Listen, I want you to see this... God's desire for **true worshipers...**

Spirit and truth- by the Spirit, through the truth which is the person and work of Jesus...

So, this idea of worship is a holistic and life changing reality... One of the ways we say it here is that worships not just a song that you sing it's a way of life...

Worship: core value... *Living everyday life in light of the gospel...*

Verse 25 The woman said to him, "I know that the Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will explain everything to us."

26 Jesus told her, "I, the one speaking to you, am he."

So powerful!!

BTW- I want you to notice that the one of the first people that Jesus reveals himself to- claiming that He's the Messiah is a non-Jewish woman! Incredible!

27 Just then his disciples arrived, and they were amazed that he was talking with a woman. Yet no one said, "What do you want?" or "Why are you talking with her?"

28 Then the woman left her water jar, went into town, and told the people, **29** "Come, see a man who told me everything I ever did. Could this be the Messiah?" **30** They left the town and made their way to him.

Verse 39 Now many Samaritans from that town believed in him because of what the woman said

Let me stop before we apply and say this... Guilt free, shame free... She has a joy and a purpose... Woman goes from deep dark sin to a proclaimer of the Savior! Same can be true for some of you...

3 Things I want you to see...

1. Jesus is bold and intentional

Bryan Loritts: *The gospel compels us to strange relationships...*

2. Jesus meets people where they are

3. Jesus points to true satisfaction and fulfillment

For some of you, you struggle with the ability to engage in gospel conversations...

At the heart of advancing the gospel is worship...

How this woman responds:

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Some of you don't see the vastness of what you've been saved from so your worship is small...

- *Flesh out*

Here's what I want to leave you with...

Conclusion [VAMP]

John 4:35-38

35 "Don't you say, 'There are still four more months, and then comes the harvest'? Listen to what I'm telling you: Open your eyes and look at the fields, because they are ready for harvest. **36** The reaper is already receiving pay and gathering fruit for eternal life, so that the sower and reaper can rejoice together. **37** For in this case the saying is true: 'One sows and another reaps.' **38** I sent you to reap what you didn't labor for; others have labored, and you have benefited from their labor.

- Samaritan woman is proof of the ripeness harvest and points to the need for laborers to present the message of Jesus!

Image Church: Open your eyes and look at the fields, because they are ready for harvest.

Appeal for one more...

Talk about the board...

Call to respond:

- Salvation
- Baptism
- Worship