

John 4-8: The Word Made Known
“Answering a Skeptic”
John 4:1-42

Today’s culture esteems experts and values specialization. Yet people desire authenticity, not statistics. They want to know the story behind our lives. Jesus was adept at meeting individuals where they were emotionally and spiritually. He models evangelistic concern and persuasive encounter in daily conversation.

1. Contrast: Universal Gospel

- Nicodemus (chapter 3)
- Samaritan woman (chapter 4)

2. Conversation: Personal Encounter (vv.4-26)

- Association (vv.4-6)
- Awareness (vv.7-9)
- Arousal (vv.10-15)
- Acceptance (vv.16-18)
- Alignment (vv.19-24)
- Action (vv.25, 26)

3. Confession: Public Result (vv.27-30, 39-42)

- New Attitude (vv.9, 11, 29)
- New Concern (v.28)
- New Influence (vv.39-42)

4. Consequence: Evangelistic Lessons (vv.31-38)

- The Harvest is the primary task (vv.31-34)
- The Harvest is ready now (v.35)
- The Harvest belongs to all who participate (vv.36-38)