

The Woman at the Well a lesson for the Abundant Life Class at Gulf Coast Baptist Church by Steve Thomas 4-12-26

Introduction

John, who has written a gospel to provide multiple proofs that Jesus is the _____, has given us a record of a conversation with “the” teacher of Israel - Nicodemus in chapter 3. John now records a conversation on the other end of the power spectrum. John records that He “must needs” go through Samaria. This was the geographical straight shot from _____ but most travellers avoided the hostility by crossing over Jordan and traveling through Perea. The conversation in chapter 4 is with a _____ at a well in Sychar. She is a _____, who are looked down on by the Jewish people. Jesus approaches this conversation as He did with Nicodemus, taking _____ immediately and not replying to the woman’s verbal jabs.

Give me to drink

Jesus had sent the _____ away to buy food at the nearby city and He himself sat to rest. This woman came to draw at the sixth hour, which most commentators will agree is _____. The reason for this is that she was not well received by the other women of the city, because of her poor choices with men. When Jesus asked her to give him drink, she was _____ to be spoken to, because of the reasons we mentioned in the introduction.

The Living Water

Jesus takes control of the conversation by steering it away from her attempts to divide by referring to a _____ benefit. She responds with another “jab” by asking if Jesus was thinking that he was _____ than “our” father Jacob. Jesus then responded with the final attention getter, He said that she would never need to _____ again if she were to drink of the living water.

Jesus dealing with sin

Now that the woman was willing to take Jesus offering of living water, Jesus turns the conversation to her sin. He asks her to call her husband. He then tells her that she has had _____ husbands and the the man she is with now is not even her husband. This miracle was an offering of His _____ as the Messiah.

Prophecy about Worship

Jesus makes a distinction now between Jewish heritage and that of the Samaritan. This could be seen as _____. But it is a _____ to see if the woman is ready to believe. Will she allow her heritage or her sin to keep her from believing that Jesus is the _____? In verse 26 He makes the claim.

The Return of the Disciples

At this point the disciples arrive on the scene with food. Jesus responds to their offer of food with a _____ response which confuses them. Jesus takes this opportunity to give some revelation on what should be the focus of their ministry.

Many Believed on Him

The Samaritans were ready to receive the Messiah. In Luke 5:31, When Jesus is calling _____, Jesus answered a question from the scribes and Pharisees about eating and drinking with publicans and sinners. Jesus told them that they that are _____ do not need a doctor. But that He came to call _____ to a change of mind (repentance), not the righteous. He was not saying that the Pharisees were righteous, but that they thought they were. John chronicled this mindset in the conversations in chapters 3 and 4. Nicodemus was not ready to deal with the sin of unbelief. The Samaritans were ready. This will be a recurring theme throughout Jesus's ministry. As Paul will state in Romans, the Jews had a problem recognizing the _____ of God, because they were going about to establish their own.