

## They Meet the Master-Week 3

John 4:1-30,39-41

**Main point: The Gospel is open to everyone; we should share with everyone because we never know who they will have an impact on.**

### Intro

- Have you ever heard the statement, you can't judge a book by its cover? **What does this statement mean?**
- We tend to judge people based on how they look, act, think, or like. And if we don't like them we treat them differently. **Have you ever treated someone differently because of how you judged them?**
- I have—Tell the story about how I treated Jon in high school—he was different from me and my friends. He was weird. He liked awful music, smelled bad, dressed funny, and just said and did what we thought were dumb things. One day while sitting in lunch with a group of friends we saw him walk by and he dropped his whole tray of food and made a mess on the floor. Immediately we started making fun of him.
- I'll be honest, because of the way I judged him, and because he was different from me I did not want to share the Gospel with him. **Have you ever felt that way about someone?**
- **Today, we're going to look at a story where Jesus shares the Gospel with someone who had two strikes against them based on who they were and what they'd done. We're going to learn that the Gospel is for everyone.**

### This week's story-John 4:1-30,39-41

- **Read John 4:1-30**
- Jesus decides to leave the area He and His disciples were in because people were actually starting to judge Him. So, He leaves for Galilee.
- To get there the Jews would normally take a long route around an area called Samaria.
- **Why would they do this?**
- Because of who lived there. Samaritans.
- Samaritans were hated by the Jews because they were considered half-breeds. During the exile many Jews were taken from Israel and scattered around the world. Those that were left ended up marrying gentiles that were brought in to settle the land. So they married gentiles, but they also changed some things about how they worshiped God .
- Jesus chose to go through Samaria despite the fact that His people hated the Samaritans and didn't do that.
- When they get there Jesus stops at this well outside of town, while the disciples go into town.
- It's the middle of the day, and while Jesus is sitting at the well a woman comes to the well to draw water.
- Jesus asks her for a drink of water, the woman was shocked Jesus would talk to her, and here's why:
  - She was a woman, men didn't talk to women in public

- She was a samaritan
- She was an adultress, and this was apparent before Jesus even reveals He knows this.--Explain the culture around going to the well.
- Jesus knew all this and He shared the Gospel with her.
- She pushed back pointing out who she was, but Jesus showed He knew her past, yet He still shared with her.
- **Why would Jesus share the Gospel with a woman who no one else cared about?**
- The Gospel is for everyone. It doesn't matter who you are, what you look like, or what you've done, the Gospel is for you.
- When you share the Gospel with someone you never know the impact they may have.
- This lady because she heard the Gospel from Jesus changed her whole town.
- **Read John 4:39-41**
- **If time, show Greg Laurie testimony video or tell his story about being a hippie and no one wanting to share with them at the time. Someone did share with him and Greg has had a huge ministry in his lifetime.**
- Jesus changed her life when no one else would speak to her, because of it she went and shared the Gospel with others.

**Take away-**

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