

OVERHEARD CONVERSATIONS WITH JESUS

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Week 5: The Real Jesus

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REVIEW IT

As Jesus passed through the country of Samaria, He stopped at a well for a quick rest. There, Jesus had a conversation with a woman, and He didn't mince His words. As Jesus pointed out her lifestyle, the woman was amazed at how He saw her... not to mention Jesus' offer of living water. And she became the first to whom he clearly stated that he is the Messiah.

Jesus wants us to know that He is the Savior. We're all looking for something to save us. Jesus is not a temporary thing that may give relief, like the approval of others, a relationship, or even a windfall. Jesus is the real thing that surpasses all expectations — our Savior. Jesus wants us to move past our labels, those that are thrust upon us and those we give ourselves. What we have done does not define us. Jesus wants to meet us where we are. No matter where we find ourselves, and no matter how we got there, Jesus is there for us and with us. So where do we *have to go*? Nowhere, but for Jesus.

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John 4:42 (ICB)

Spend some time in the Word: Read John chapter 4.

TALK ABOUT IT

1. What stood out to you from this sermon on the account of Jesus at Jacob's Well?
2. What are your expectations in a messiah - a savior? How has what you have learned about Jesus' love for you changed or expanded your expectations?
3. Jesus words can often be unpopular or uncomfortable to hear. This was true for those He spoke to directly, and for us who read His words in Scripture. When Jesus' words are opposite of what the world says, or challenge the way that you are living, what can you do to receive His words with an open heart?
4. The woman at the well would have been considered an outcast, both by those of the Jewish faith as well as her own people. Yet, Jesus spoke to her. He did not excuse her sin, but did not shy away from bringing it to light. How has Jesus met you where you are? What has that meant to you?

ACT ON IT/PRAY ABOUT IT

We are blessed to have the type of church culture where youth are embraced and have a place to be part of the family — a place to belong, and a place to serve. Think of ways that you can show be an extension of this culture to the younger generation. They are part of today's church — thank God for them. Initiate a conversation with them. Show them appreciation for being at church. Pray for God to open your heart for extra opportunities to be a part of their lives, and to meet them where they are.