

**Series: Simply Jesus** (9/30/18)

**Title: The Water of Life-An Unlikely Visit**

**Text: (John 4:1-54)**

(Vs 1) Jesus attracts the attention of the Sanhedrin.  
Not time yet to present himself to them for scrutiny.  
Most of John @ the last 7 days of Jesus ministry

(Vs 2) Can you imagine the Baptism Envy?  
Baptized by Peter, or John - I was baptized by JESUS!  
Paul experienced this (1 Cor 1:12-14)  
Jesus focussed on Preaching: (1 Cor 1:17, 21)

(Vs 3-4) He is in the southern part of Israel.  
He is heading home to the northern Part.  
Samaria in in the middle.

**Explain Samaria:** Assyria Invaded 721 BC.  
Left the poor, weak, Illiterate.  
Inter bred with Gentiles.  
Considered the Samaritans a mongrel race.

**The Jews despised their Race.**

**The Jews despised their Religion:**

They had a Truncated version of Judaism.  
Only Accepted the Pentateuch:  
Setup an altar on Mt. Gerizim.

**The Jews despised their Region:**

To Avoid Samaria, they would cross the sea of Galilea  
to Perea, then cross back  
Or they would walk west and around.

(Vs 4) “*He must need go through Samaria*”  
This is a divine appointment.  
You are not here today by accident.  
It is a divine appointment.

(Vs 5-6a) Jacob purchased from the sons of Hamor  
i.e. Shechem. (Gen 48:21-22, Josh 24:32)  
Real Book, Real People, Real Places, Real Lives

(Vs 6b) We see the Humanity of Jesus. (Heb 4:15)  
20 mile hike, ending at high noon.  
*Illus: Longhaired boy wanted a Car...*  
*Jesus had long hair...yes, but he walked everywhere.*

(Vs 6c-7a) “*6th Hour*” - High Noon!  
She is an Unlikely Person @ Unlikely Time of Day.  
Drawing Water was Women’s Work.  
Drawing Water was a Social Opportunity @ Dusk

**Why Her? Why Now?**

She is the exact Opposite of Nicodemus in Chap 3.  
Man vs. Woman  
Pure Religion (39 books) vs. Partial (5 books)  
Pure Manner of Life vs. Wicked  
(divorced by 5 husbands, shackled up) vs 18  
She was Impure, by her own people’s standards.  
Both Thirsting,  
Nicodemus came seeking truth  
Women came to the World & stumbled upon.  
Either way, both had the same decision!

(Vs 7b) **A Tier 1 conversation:**

*An Unexpected request. "Give me to drink"*

***A Man speaking to a woman.***

Jewish men didn't speak to a woman in public.

Not Even a Family Member.

3 Strikes against her, Women, Samaritan, Outcast.

***Jesus is no "Respector of Persons"***

Jesus was Not a Bigot/Racist.

Bible Actually Commands against it.

Racism is a Sin of Mankind, b/c Mankind are sinners.

Even if someone who says their His servant is Racist.

It Is NOT God's Fault?

(Vs 9) ***She is astonished***

Jews were bigoted against Samaritans.

Considered them "DOGS"

Would not associate, not talk with, not eat with.

Would discard dishes that were used by them.

(Vs 8) did it Really take all 12 to buy lunch? **NO!**

Jesus did not want their Prejudice to Interfere.

***She Assumes He is a Bigot - "Thou, being a Jew"***

*"Oh, thirsty huh? Stinks to be you!"*

*How humiliating for you to have to even speak to me*

*How disgusting for you to have to drink after me*

Don't be surprised at those in Deep Sin will lash out when you witness to them.

(Vs 10) **Tier 2 Conversation:**

***Jesus ignores her prejudice of Him.***

So must we!

People assume we think the worst of them.

***Jesus is No Respector of Persons.***

The Gospel is for Everyone!

***The Lost are Ignorant of the Gift & The Giver!***

*"If thou knewest the gift of God," Thats the Problem!*

(Eph 2:8 - "Gift of God" - Salvation by Grace)

*"and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink;"*

(The God who Created you)

*thou wouldest have asked of him, and he would have given thee living water.*

No Sane person would reject Jesus, except that they are ignorant of their sin & the holiness of God.

Our task is to *"Teach all nations"*

(Vs 11) **The Lost confuse Physical & the Spiritual**

She confused literal water & water of life.

She understood - *Living Water = Spring fed*

Just as Nicodemus confused Physical Birth/Spiritual.

Disciples confuse physical food/spiritual food-31-34  
(1 Cor 2:14) *The Natural Man receiveth not the..*

***The Well was 100ft deep.***

Community Well, Community Bucket, BYOR.

(Vs 12)

She asked Jesus if He was better at finding water than Jacob.

Jesus never answered this question directly.  
By the time their conversation was finished, she realized indeed Jesus is greater than Jacob.

(Vs 13-14) **Tier 2 turns into a Tier 3 Conversation:**  
She Invited him into this by her comments in vs 12.

***Jesus uses an everyday occurrence to segway into a Gospel Presentation. - So should we.***

**Modern Day:** They met at the Coffee Pot.  
Be on the look out for the Opportunity to turn the conversation to a Gospel Presentation.

I am on the look out for every opportunity to engage my neighbors.

Any Conversation can be an opportunity.

***The World offers no lasting Satisfaction.***

Opportunities to speak of the Sufficiency of Christ are everyday and Everywhere.

(Vs 14) ***Jesus mentions the Sufficiency of Christ.***  
**Explain: FEEL, FELT, FOUND**

(John 7:38) *He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.*

(Vs 15) **Tier 3 just turned into Tier 4:**  
She invites Him to give her the Gospel.

(Vs 16-18) **Lost Before You can be Saved:**  
Stop being afraid to talk about Sin!  
***You are not Judging by talking about this.***

**God is the Judge.**

We have been arreigned.

The Trial is Over.

God has already judged us all to be Guilty Sinners.  
God has already pronounced the sentence of Death.  
Now the Governor of the Universe is NOT just offering a stay of Execution.

Governor of the Universe is offering a Full Pardon!

(Vs 19-20) **The Devil will use Religion to Distract a person from receiving Christ!**  
Don't get Rattle by Distractions, Expect them!

Satan is not going to willingly give up, you have pry them out of his hand.

Religions & Rituals, were created by Satan to Distract

(Vs 21-24) **Jesus brings the discussion back to a relationship with God.**

(Vs 25) **She realizes she needs a Savior, but doesn't which one to believe on or follow.**

So is the World.

They know they are sinners.

They know something is wrong.

They are looking in the wrong places.

Religion, Rituals, Rights,

Enrichment, Entertainment, Entitlement

Careers, Kids, Charities

(Vs 26) **Jesus presents Himself as the answer**

She is Born again

(Vs 29) ***She Obviously confessed her sin!***

(Vs 27-31) **Her First Concern was the Lost!**

Have we grown so cold that we no longer care about the Lost?

(Vs 39) **What keeps you from Witnessing?**

***Do you think your Testimony is as bad as hers?***

She was a 5 time divorcee'

She was a currently a Shacked up in Whoredom.

What's Your excuse for not sharing the Gospel!

(Vs 40) **All She did was get them infant of Jesus!**

Like the Paralytic born of 4.

Like Andrew got Peter in front of Jesus.

Like Philip got Nathaniel in front of Jesus.

(John 1:46b) *"Come and See"*

**Explain the 7 touch, 3 hear method:**

Find 7 ways to Touch there life.

Touch is engagement.

*There is no Impact w/o Contact.*

Invite them to your house to watch a christian movie.

Invite them out to dinner to get acquainted.

Find a common interest and engage them in it.

Play cards, Work out, etc.

Invite them to church, or a church event.

Revival, Christmas, Easter, Children's Event.

***Find 7 ways to intersect their life, & make sure 3 of them involve some sort of Gospel witness.***

(Vs 31-34) **Jesus said that He was fulfilled by this:**

This is what is missing from the life of Christian's.

This is why you still feel empty, unfulfilled.

Its not the Church's music, or teaching, or etc.

You do not need to check out some other church.

This is why your marriage is dry, kids are selfish, etc.

*Illus: The Dead Sea! Stagnant.*

Gets fresh water every day, all day, still stagnant

***You Can't have the Abundant Christian life w/o it.***