

Jesus Came to Save

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At the beginning of John 4, Jesus leaves Judea for Galilee because of the Pharisees and verse 4 says, “*He had to pass through Samaria*”. And first glance, it appears that Jesus is afraid of the Pharisees. But as the story unfolds, it’s clear that Jesus had a divine appointment with a Samaritan woman at a well. In John 3, Jesus spoke with Nicodemus, well respected, theologically educated, powerful, orthodox Pharisee. Now, He’s interacting with an unschooled, heretical, lowly and despised, serial adulteress. Why? Because Jesus came on a mission to save people from their sins.

I. Jesus is the Living Water – Read John 4:1-15 and answer the following questions

- A. After reading verses 1-6, why do you think Jesus left Judea for Galilee?

- B. Why do you think Jesus “*had to pass through Samaria*” (v.4)?

- C. How is Jesus being graciously relational by interacting with the woman at the well?

- D. How did the woman misunderstand what Jesus said in verses 10-15?

- E. In what ways are you relationally judgmental when it comes to sharing the gospel with people?

II. Jesus is the Messiah – Read John 4:16-26 and answer the following questions

- A. Why do you think Jesus told the woman to go and call her husband to come to the well?

- B. How is the woman’s response that “*I have no husband*” both truthful and yet misleading?

- C. In your own words, what does it mean to worship God “*in spirit and truth*”?

- D. In these verses, how has Jesus shown Himself to be the true prophet, temple, and Messiah?

III. Jesus is the Savior of the World – Read John 4:27-42 and answer the following questions

- A. What was the woman’s response to her interaction with Jesus? What did she go and do?

- B. How is doing God’s will like physical food (v.34)?

- C. What does Jesus mean when He says, “*the fields are white for harvest*”?

- D. How would you like to see yourself grow in “*sowing and reaping*”? What steps can you take?