

John Chapters 4 and 5 Teaching Notes

Review

Why did John write this gospel? John 20:30-31

Structure

- Chapter One – Prologue, the Logos, the pre-existent one, John the Baptist, Call of the first wave of disciples: key themes, Word, Light, Grace and Truth
- Chapters 2 – 11 Seven Miracles, Seven I AM statements
- Chapters 12 – 21 The last week of Jesus' life and ministry.

Chapters 4

V 1-4 Why did Jesus leave Judea?

- Avoid confrontation with the Pharisees
- Establish a ministry in Samaria
- Led by the Holy Spirit

Who are the Samaritans?

- Northern Kingdom
- Refused to worship in Jerusalem
- Fell into idolatry and immorality – led by first king Jeroboam
- Corrupted by Gentile neighbors through intermarriage and pagan worship
- Rejected by Jews returning from Babylon
- Became bitter enemies
- Built temple of their own on Mt. Gerizim (Note: Deut 11:29)
- Accepted only the Torah
- They claimed they were the true Israel (false claim)
- Jews refused to eat with or talk with Samaritans

Sychar, Jacobs Well and the Samaritan Woman

- Noon
- The social barrier
- The gift of God – living water
- Nothing to draw with
- Never thirst again
- Give me this water
- Call your husband
- Painful past
- Which mountain?

- Spirit and Truth (No8te Psalm 51:16)

My food is to do the will of Him who sent me

- John 5:36 -works God gave Him to do bear witness of Me that the Father sent Me
- John 17:4 – I have finished the work the Father has given me
- John 6:38 – came not to do My will but the will of Him who sent Me
- John 8:29 -I always do what is pleasing to Him

Results – the discovery of Jesus as the Christ and the desire to share with other

- Woman shares with her village
- Disciples confused
- The harvest
- The Christ, the Savior of the world

Nicodemus

Name known
 Good Reputation
 Wealthy
 He came to Jesus
 Socially Prominent
 A Jew
 Religiously upright
 No Immediate response
 Jesus was blunt
 Began with Spiritual

Samaritan Woman

Unnamed in the story
 Bad reputation
 Poor
 Jesus came to her
 Social outcast
 A Samaritan
 Worldly and immoral
 Immediately told the entire city
 Jesus was very tactful and caring
 Began with natural

What was healed?

Nobleman's Son

- Cana – four hours walk from Capernaum
- Nobility going to visit a 'carpenter'
- He implores Jesus - humility
- He was not discouraged - perseverance
- He believed Jesus – faith
- His whole household came to faith

Chapter 5 – The Deity of Christ

Pool of Bethesda

- Superstition and desperation – multitudes of infirm people
- Do you wish to get well – excuses
- Jesus speaks the command
- Miraculous healing
- Breaking the Sabbath
- Sin and sickness
- The Jews (leaders) reaction

Jesus' Response to the Jewish Leadership

- John 5:17-18 Jesus is Equal to God in His Nature (same substance of the Father)
- John 5:19-21 Jesus is Equal to God in Power
- John 5:22-24 Jesus is Equal to God in Authority

Resurrection to Judgment

- Eternal life
- Eternal Damnation

Four Witnesses

- John 5:33 John the Baptist
- John 5:36 The works of Jesus
- John 5:38 The Father
- John 5: 39 Holy Scripture

The Rejection of Jesus – John 5:40-47

Christ in the Torah

- Sacrifice Isaac
- Joseph
- Passover Lamb
- Tabernacle
- Camp of Israel
- Great Day of Atonement
- Serpent on the Bronze Pole
- King David – genealogy
- Other _____