

Jesus at the Well

Listen and Learn

(John 4:1-42)

- Introduction:
1. Alan Webster once wrote a tract on the account of the woman at the well as it relates to evangelism, and I want to take this morning and this evening and take a look at this text with you.
 2. We are concentrating on having a greater outward focus, and who better to show us how than Jesus, himself.
 3. Jesus illustrates numerous principles in his encounter with the woman at the well that will aid us in talking to our neighbors about Jesus.
 4. Consider and implement these points.

I. Jesus Did Not Let Culture Close Doors

- A. (John 4:4) He needed to go through Samaria.
- B. Ills. of the Wakefields and Carters.
- C. Will we eliminate all prospects who don't look like, and act like us?

II. Jesus Overcame Fatigue to Evangelize

- A. (John 4:6).
- B. What do you do and how do you act when you're tired?
- C. Jesus had time for people.
- D. (Acts 24:25) Felix.
- E. Work now, rest later.

III. Jesus Didn't Start With, "Do You Want a Bible Study"

- A. (John 4:7).
- B. He engaged her on a personal level and asked a favor of her.
- C. Studies are born out of friendships, not cold invitations.

IV. Jesus Waited for Privacy

- A. (John 4:8).
- B. People don't want to be embarrassed and salvation is personal.
- C. (Acts 18:26).

V. Jesus Was Not Easily Offended

- A. (John 4:9).
- B. (Proverbs 15:1).
- C. Humility and kindness almost always wins the day.
- D. (Acts 17:22) Though he was stirred, Paul started with kindness.

VI. Jesus Didn't Ignore Sin

- A. (John 4:16-18).
- B. Salvation involves repentance.
- C. I can come to Jesus, just as I am, but I can't walk with Jesus just as I am. I must change.

VII. Jesus Emphasized Sincerity and Truth

- A. (John 4:24).
- B. Stressing the heart and Scripture will resonate with people and make a distinction between true religion and false religion.

VIII. Jesus Identified Himself as the Savior

- A. (John 4:26).
- B. We are not calling people to us but to Jesus.
- C. Jesus must be the central focus of our study.

IX. Jesus Used One Contact to Reach Others

- A. (John 4:28-29).
- B. This is the way it is supposed to work.
- C. (2 Timothy 2:2).

X. Jesus Put the Spiritual Above the Physical

- A. (John 4:31-34).
- B. Do spiritual matters come before physical matters in our homes?
- C. Do our children see Mt. Moriah experiences in our homes (Genesis 22)?
- D. (2 Corinthians 6:2).

XI. Jesus Calls His Disciples to Open Their Eyes to the Harvest

- A. (John 4:35).
- B. We aren't just the recipients of God's blessings, we are harvesters.
- C. Ills. Little Red Hen.

XII. Jesus Acknowledged Teamwork

- A. (John 4:36).
- B. We are a team, and we work together in this task of saving souls.
- C. (1 Corinthians 3:6-7).

- Conclusion:
- 1. So, we've learned from the best.
 - 2. We have modeled before us how Jesus saved an entire village, that started with just one.
 - 3. Friends, let's surrender our excuses and conquer our fears.
 - 4. The world needs the good news of Jesus.