

Jesus At the Well - cont.

4. He Was Opportunistic (4:10-15).

John 4:10-15: "Jesus answered and said unto her, If thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of him, and he would have given thee living water. ¹¹ The woman saith unto him, Sir, thou hast nothing to draw with, and the well is deep: whence then hast thou that living water? ¹² Art thou greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well, and drank thereof himself, and his sons, and his cattle? ¹³ Jesus answered and said unto her, Every one that drinketh of this water shall thirst again: ¹⁴ but whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall become in him a well of water springing up unto eternal life. ¹⁵ The woman saith unto him, Sir, give me this water, that I thirst not, neither come all the way hither to draw."

Jesus turned daily conversation into teaching opportunities (Jn. 3:4-5; 9:39-40). Many people today in the world around us have their minds on the physical only. We must turn people's attention toward God and His Word (Col. 4:3-6). We must be opportunistic in our personal evangelism.

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Sentence Sermons

- It takes just as much courage sometimes to keep quiet as it does to speak.
- If you want to improve your surroundings, begin where you are and don't stop there.
- Prayer is something to be used every-day, not something to be used only in emergencies.
- Are you heaven bound or hell-bent?

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For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh, for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses.
- 2 Corinthians 10:3-4 -

Jesus At the Well - Part I

Why do personal evangelism and try to bring people to Christ through the gospel? We do personal evangelism to follow Jesus' example (Luke 8:4-15). We do personal evangelism to answer Jesus' prayer (Matthew 9:37-38). We do personal evangelism to follow the example of New Testament Christians (Acts 8:4). We do personal evangelism to bear fruit and be wise (Proverbs 11:30; John 15:1ff). And, we do personal evangelism to fulfill our Christian duty to teach others (2 Timothy 2:2; Hebrews 5:12ff; 1 Peter 3:15).

What can we learn from Jesus with the woman at the well in John 4 about doing personal evangelism? Let's consider a few principles of personal evangelism from this account.

1. He Was Intentional (4:1-5).

John 4:1-5: "When therefore the Lord knew that the Pharisees had heard that Jesus was making and baptizing more disciples than John ² (although Jesus himself baptized not, but his disciples), ³ he left Judaea, and departed again into Galilee. ⁴ And he must needs pass through Samaria. ⁵ So he cometh to a city of Samaria, called Sychar, near to the parcel of ground that Jacob gave to his son Joseph."

Did you notice that Jesus purposely went through the area of Samaria. He sought out this area and this woman to talk to. To fish, you must go where the fish are, right (Matthew 4:19)? In the same way, to save the lost, you must make contact with the lost. You must get the seed of God's word out of the bag (Luke 8:11).



You must get the salt out of the salt shaker (Matthew 5:13). We must "come" to the Savior and then "go" to the sinner (Acts 9:11). We must be intentional about our personal evangelism.

2. He Was Sacrificial (4:6-8,40,43).

John 4:6-7: "and Jacob's well was there. Jesus therefore, being wearied with his journey, sat thus by the well. It was about the sixth hour. ⁷ There cometh a woman of Samaria to

draw water: Jesus saith unto her, Give me to drink. ⁸ For his disciples were gone away into the city to buy food."

Jesus was tired from his journey, but he made time for evangelism. We too get tired from weekly activities, but we must sacrifice and make time for evangelism (Matthew 16:24). We must be sacrificial about our personal evangelism.

3. He Was Unprejudiced (4:9,27).

John 4:9: "The Samaritan woman therefore saith unto him, How is it that thou, being a Jew, askest drink of me, who am a Samaritan woman? (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.)

John 9:27: "And upon this came his disciples; and they marvelled that he was speaking with a woman; yet no man said, What seekest thou? or, Why speakest thou with her?"

Jesus took the gospel to everyone, men and women, young and old, rich and poor, educated and uneducated, etc. We must take the gospel to everyone (Matthew 28:19; Mark 16:15; Acts 10:34-35). We must be unprejudiced about our personal evangelism.

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