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Genesis 24; Genesis 28; Exodus 2; John 3:10; John 4; 1 Timothy 5:19–21; Revelation 22:1

Going the way of Jesus.

So religious we forget the point of Christianity.

Slow down to the speed of Jesus and examine the text here.

John 4

John 4:3–7 (NASB95)

3He left Judea and went away again into Galilee.

4And He had to pass through Samaria.

5So He *came to a city of Samaria called Sychar, near the parcel of ground that Jacob gave to his son Joseph;

6and Jacob's well was there. So Jesus, being wearied from His journey, was sitting thus by the well. It was about the sixth hour.

7There *came a woman of Samaria to draw water. Jesus *said to her, "Give Me a drink."

To get the power of the Word we need to understand the ways of the Word

For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

Holy Spirit will bring to remembrance everything he said. We got to know it to remember it.

To understand it we have to study it.

Revivalists turn into racists.

Business owners turn into blasphemers.

Our culture tells us to focus on the woman and her possible sin. That is the opposite goal of this story. That is the carnal mind.

Jesus, and a Samaritan woman at the well. Not going the way you think.

Jesus was going to Galilee normally go around Samaria. Those were the untouchable people.

Going the way of Jesus means going places other people won't go.

Jesus meets a Samaritan woman at a well. Understand the story leading up to this we will misinterpret the meaning of the story.

Genesis 24

Abraham wanted his son to marry a girl from back home. So he sent his servant to find a bride for Isaac. He invented a test, if he met a woman by the well and she offered water for his camels, she would be a good bride for Isaac.

This led to Isaac and Rebekah.

Genesis 28

Rebekah wants a bride for her son Jacob.

There was a big rock on the well. Came home with Rachel.

So we see this story telling happening in the Bible.

- Journey to a foreign country
- Man encounters woman at a well
- Water is drawn from the well
- The woman brings news of the visitor
- Act of hospitality
- The two are set to be married

Exodus 2 We read the story about Moses killing an Egyptian.

He ran away to Midian.

Encounters 7 women at a well.

Women were being mistreated. Moses draws water and drives off the men mistreating the women.

Women Go quickly tell their father about Moses.

This is the pattern.

Nicodemus was supposed to be a teacher of Israel but darkness covered their understanding.

Nick at Night

John 3:10 (NASB95)

10Jesus answered and said to him, "Are you the teacher of Israel and do not understand these things?"

We need deeper understanding.

So we have Jesus, a Jew in Samaritan meeting a woman by the well

John 4:9 (NASB95)

9Therefore the Samaritan woman *said to Him, "How is it that You, being a Jew, ask me for a drink since I am a Samaritan woman?" (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.)

Why are you talking to me?

She is alone at the well, shunned by the local women. So here is a man ...

So we find Jesus in a foreign land at a well, with a woman.

Every story at a well leads to a wedding.

Everyone was expecting where this story was going.

John 4:10 (NASB95)

10 Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is who says to you, 'Give Me a drink,' you would have asked Him, and He would have given you living water."

Different direction.

She's thinking. No game.

She didn't know the way of Jesus.

But the news of Jesus is spiritual, not carnal. Not a history lesson. It is ministering spirit and life.

When you talk about Jesus with people who don't know him spiritual things happen. Jesus is never distracted.

Revelation 22:1 (NASB95)

1 Then he showed me a river of the water of life, clear as crystal, coming from the throne of God and of the Lamb,

The way of Jesus is eternal life.

John 4:13–14 (NASB95)

13 Jesus answered and said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will thirst again;

14 but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him shall never thirst; but the water that I will give him will become in him a well of water springing up to eternal life."

People want eternal life. The way of Jesus is eternal life.

People want to know what is happening in the future.

John 4:16–20 (NASB95)

16He *said to her, "Go, call your husband and come here."

17The woman answered and said, "I have no husband." Jesus *said to her, "You have correctly said, 'I have no husband';

18for you have had five husbands, and the one whom you now have is not your husband; this you have said truly."

19The woman *said to Him, "Sir, I perceive that You are a prophet.

20"Our fathers worshiped in this mountain, and you *people* say that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship."

You need to see this. She is ready for the shame. He's not calling her a whore. He is stating that he knows who he is talking to and walked all the way into Samaria to see her.

Night vs day private vs public / Nicodemus should be public woman in private

Nicodemus thought he was perfect, this woman shows humility.

This is how we react to truth about our sin.

Why would Jesus call out what's wrong? To make it right.

Sin has consequences.

1 Timothy 5:19–21 (NASB95)

19Do not receive an accusation against an elder except on the basis of two or three witnesses.

20Those who continue in sin, rebuke in the presence of all, so that the rest also will be fearful *of sinning*.

21I solemnly charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus and of *His* chosen angels, to maintain these *principles* without bias, doing nothing in a *spirit of* partiality.

Talked with a dear couple who moved away and the pastor of their church had an affair.

It's the Christians that have to keep a higher standard.

Church hurt or convicted of sin?

John 4:25–26 (NASB95)

25The woman *said to Him, "I know that Messiah is coming (He who is called Christ); when that One comes, He will declare all things to us."

26Jesus *said to her, "*I who speak to you am He.*"

As she was real about her life, he was real with her.

Disciples were still carnal. They didn't understand.

She went out and told all the people of her town.