



# The Life of Jesus

## A CHRONOLOGICAL STUDY

### Lesson 24: He must (*dei*) go through Samaria John 4:1-26; Luke 3:19-20; Mark 1:14a

#### I. Lessons from the Woman at the Well

This is a story of...Jesus' mission; How to worship; Prejudice; Evangelism

#### II. Harmonizing the Transition to Galilee

*Now when Jesus learned that the Pharisees had heard that Jesus was making and baptizing more disciples than John (although Jesus himself did not baptize, but only his disciples), he left Judea and departed again for Galilee. (John 4:1-3) But Herod the tetrarch, who had been reproved by him [John the Baptist] for Herodias, his brother's wife, and for all the evil things that Herod had done, added this to them all, that he locked up John in prison. (Luke 3:19-20) Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee (Mark 1:14a) And he had to pass through Samaria. (John 4:4).*

#### III. John 4:1-3

A. v.3 – Was Jesus intimidated by the Pharisees? Why run? Jesus understood timing (His was perfect)

1. This is a pattern we will see throughout His ministry: snakes and doves
2. Matthew 10:6b: *be wise as serpents and innocent as doves*

#### IV. vv.4-6

A. Why must (*dei*) He go through Samaria?

1. John 3:30 – *He **must** increase and I **must** decrease*

B. What's so bad about a Samaritan? 722 BC and the Assyrians

C. v.6 – Jacob's well – Not in the Old Testament

D. Why tell us it was about noon?

1. Christological: Jesus was thirsty – human characteristics
2. Water typically gathered in morning or evening - Why is she out there alone?
3. What is her name? Just like Seymour?

V. vv.7-9 - A Jewish man talking to a woman in public? AND a Samaritan?

## VI. vv.11-12

A. “where” do You get this water?

1. Greek word is *pothen* – John uses it 13 of the 28 times in the NT
  - a. Feeding of 4,000 in Mark: “Where do we get the bread?”
  - b. Jesus’s denial of false followers in Luke: “I do not know where you are from”
  - c. John 8:14
2. Jesus is telling her “I am the source”
3. John again uses the physical to explain the spiritual – Like Nicodemus being “born again”

## VII. Patterns for Evangelism from the Savior

A. He shows her the need for the Living Water - vv.13-14

B. He doesn’t point out her ignorance – v.15

1. Isaiah 55:1-5

C. Jesus doesn’t shy away from the truth about her past; Firm but non-judgmental - vv.16-18

D. He watches for “the dodge” – She tries to shift the conversation – vv.19-20

E. He brings the conversation back to the subject at hand – v.21

F. He understands the truth and not “however you look at it” – v.22 - Only time John uses the word “salvation” – only in NT 45 times

G. He shows her that her traditions and assumptions are no longer valid – it's a New Covenant – v.23

H. He shows her what true worship is: a) spirit and b) truth (v.24)

1. God is Spirit and not flesh
2. God's revelation to us is spiritual
3. That makes the experience truthful

I. He gives her the full Gospel – “I who speak to you am He” – vv.25-26

1. He doesn't “leave her hanging”
2. He shows her the true Messiah

### **VIII. My Take Aways**

- Jesus gives us an example of how to witness
- Watching for the dodges but know the truth
- Where “must”/dei I go to share the Good News?
- How many “half-breeds” do I hang out with?

Questions? Comments? Thoughts?

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