



The Life of Jesus

A CHRONOLOGICAL STUDY

Lesson 25: Because of the Woman's Testimony

John 4:27-42

I. Quick Review

II. vv.27-30

A. v.27 – Why didn't the disciples confront Jesus? Did they learn something on their "staff retreat"

B. v.28 – After meeting Jesus she wasn't worried about "earthly" water – she wanted the Living Water

C. v.29 – Were these Samaritans interested seeing if this was the Christ or wanting to learn some scoop?

- The structure of the Greek in this verse is from a question of doubt

- She's witnessing even though she isn't 100% of what she understands - We don't have to have all the Bible knowledge to tell others about Jesus

III. vv.31-34

A. v.31 - John says "meanwhile" to let us know there are two stories we're following here:

1) the witnessing of the woman and 2) the teaching of the apostles

B. They found food and then Jesus used the opportunity of eating to make a point of discipleship

IV. vv.35-38

A. There were a couple of "agronomy insights" periodicals (of sorts) like a *Poor Richard's Almanac* found in the Dead Sea Scrolls - They mention the time between sowing and reaping are about 4 months

B. Jesus's analogy moves beyond the need for food to "The Way" to get fed

C. v.37 – Not sure where this saying comes from

D. v.38 – Who are the others that have done this work? John the Baptist? People looking for righteousness? Samaritans? Jesus is uniting the sowing and the reaping which wasn't typical

V. 39-42

A. v.39 – Her words were His words and they were impactful

B. v.40 – Staying there gives us another pattern this time for discipleship - Jesus was not an itinerant tent revival guy - He'd spent time in the desert with His own and now with the converts

C. v.42 - The confession that Jesus was the Savior of the World is a New Testament church foundation

1) *Christos soter Kosmos*

2) *Ichthus* – Jesus Christ God Son Savior

3) John only uses the term “Savior of the World” here and in his 1st epistle: 1st John 4:7-14

VI. The Jesus Pattern

1. Met with the outcasts
2. Told the hard truth in love
3. I am Messiah
4. Spends time in discipleship
5. Others believe in Savior of the World

VII. My Take Aways

- Witnessing is saying/telling what you've witnessed
- There is only One Savior of the World
- Discipleship is the next part of confessing and believing
- Jesus gives us a pattern

Questions? Comments? Thoughts?

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