Jesus Seeks His Own

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John the Master of Contrasts

- John is showing us that the Gospel (good news) is for everyone
- Only requirement is faith - Jn 3:16
- We're shown dramatic contrast between Nicodemus & woman of Samaria
- Regardless of status - everyone may be saved through faith in Jesus!

A Sovereignly Ordained Divine Appointment S.O.D.A

- What is amazing is that God saves particular individuals
- John tells us Jesus needed to go through Samaria[4NKJV]
- While most direct, not normal route Jews took – they avoided Samaria
- Evangelism requires motivation - Jesus crossed barriers:
- Samaritans were separated & distinct from Jews - 8th century half-breeds - Jesus was willing to cross barrier of ethnic & cultural hatred
- Jesus spoke to ostracized woman – crossed barrier of gender & outcast
- Jesus broke religious taboo by asking for drink from Samaritan
- Jesus cared for woman by treating her as a person – building relationship
- Jesus didn't sin but reached out to a sinner with hope

The Dangers We Face

- Who has God placed in your life who needs the Gospel?
- Think of every opportunity as a Sovereignly Ordained Divine Appointment
- Let us be wise like Jesus was and treat others created in the image of God
- Too often we wall ourselves off from the world like Jews of Jesus' time
- Be wise – open doors to relationship with unbelievers carefully & prayerfully
- Be sure to offer Providential Opportunity Prayer when engaging!

An Amazing Response

- Woman's astonishment at being seen caused her to question[9]
- Jesus answered with the hope of the Gospel[10] - summarized:
  1. God has life as a gift for those who will receive it
  2. Jesus is the One who makes this gift possible

An Unregenerate Response

- Like Nicodemus, the woman missed spiritual implications - thought physical
- Prayer is important because people are dead in their sins[Eph2:1;John3:3;1Cor2:14]
- She thought physical - saw Jesus had nothing to draw water with...
- She compared Jesus before her to the great patriarch Jacob[Gen32:28] - worth
- natural men come to God thinking they must make themselves acceptable

Jesus Points to Her Spiritual Need

- Woman had so many needs – relationship advice; outcast; rejecting truth
- But Jesus addressed her need: to received the gift of God[10] through Jesus
- We must preach the Gospel[Rom1:16] not self-help or moralism
- Point others to the water God alone provides[Ps42:1]
- Beware of counseling which is just moralism – we need the Gospel[14]

The Woman Responds

- The woman asks for the water... but was it true understanding yet?
- How have YOU responded to Jesus' offer of Living Water?