

John #23

4:27-42

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### **"This One Is Indeed the Savior of the World"**

Intro: In our last study of John's Gospel (two weeks ago), we came to that wonderful portion of Scripture where in His conversation with the Woman at the well, the Lord announced that He was the Messiah (\_\_\_\_\_).

A. What a gracious and \_\_\_\_\_ is our Lord! In our text we read that He set a divine appointment with a despised and sinful Samaritan woman. Yet, Christ \_\_\_\_\_ was not worried about being defiled by this unclean woman, but His loving concern was to cleanse her of her sin, restoring her to a right relationship with Heavenly Father! And, this is a picture of how He has \_\_\_\_\_!

I. The disciples marveled that the \_\_\_\_\_ had been \_\_\_\_\_ with a \_\_\_\_\_.

A. Because of the prevailing \_\_\_\_\_ climate and toward women, just as the Samaritan woman wondered why Jesus would speak to her, so did the disciples marvel that Jesus had been speaking to a \_\_\_\_\_. But, let it be known both here and now, as the Scripture reveals the prevailing attitude and climate of that day toward women was not the attitude of our Lord \_\_\_\_\_. And, no doubt, He was showing His disciples that He was \_\_\_\_\_ discriminatory, but that in Him there is neither Jew nor gentile, there is neither slave nor free man, there is neither male nor female, but that \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ of Jews and Gentiles! (Cf. Gal 3:28; Ro 3:29-30)

B. Though the disciples marveled that Jesus was speaking with a woman and probably did not understand the great significance of it, nevertheless, they followed the \_\_\_\_\_ kind and \_\_\_\_\_ and did not interrupt them by asking "What do You seek?" or, "Why do You speak with her?"

II. The \_\_\_\_\_ left her waterpot to go and \_\_\_\_\_ about Jesus.

A. She \_\_\_\_\_ to come meet a man who told her of the private and sinful details of her life.

1. In saying that she met a man who told her all the things she had done, she is referring to her sinful past and is so much as freely and openly confessing it. No longer is she hiding her sin desiring to be alone, but having the \_\_\_\_\_ of her sin she speaks of it openly to others.

2. In inviting others to meet a man who told her all the terrible things that she had done, it shows that \_\_\_\_\_ did not shun her, but had her kindness and \_\_\_\_\_.

3. Though \_\_\_\_\_ all the sinful things that she had done, \_\_\_\_\_ her with a pure love and ministered to her greatest need!

B. Upon telling "the men" of this man, the woman asks the question, "this is not the Christ, is it?" This question is meant to bring each one to

1. This sin-ridden woman had \_\_\_\_\_ persuasive \_\_\_\_\_ upon "the men" that they should believe her if she told them that she had met the Messiah and that they should come out to meet Him. But when she tells her testimony speaking of her own sin, she leaves the decision in their hands by \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ through the question, "this is not the Christ, is it?"

C. While the woman was away witnessing Jesus used the time to \_\_\_\_\_ His disciples principles of ministry (sowing and reaping) and to \_\_\_\_\_ them to minister to those who would return with the woman and who would invite them to stay with them.

III. Through the true testimony of the Woman who testified saying, "He told me all the things that I have done" \_\_\_\_\_ of the Samaritans from that city \_\_\_\_\_ in Him!

A. While those in Jerusalem "believed in His name" and that He was "come from God as a teacher" because of "His signs which He was doing" (cf. 2:23 & 3:2), these Samaritans \_\_\_\_\_ because of the word of testimony! And what was the woman's testimony? "This is not the Christ, is it?" Many Samaritans believed in Him - that He is \_\_\_\_\_ because of the word of her testimony.

B. Since many of the Samaritans already believed that Jesus was the Christ on account of the woman's , they were \_\_\_\_\_ with them, and because the field was white unto harvest due to the labor of others, Jesus stayed with them two days - and the reaping continued for verse 41 says, "And \_\_\_\_\_ more \_\_\_\_\_ because of \_\_\_\_\_ ..."

C. No longer did the Samaritans depend upon the woman's testimony, but \_\_\_\_\_ Christ for themselves \_\_\_\_\_ in Him.

1. For them, this Scripture became a reality: John 1:12-13, "But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name, 13 who were born not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God." The proof of their conversion is found in their testimony for they said, "... \_\_\_\_\_ One \_\_\_\_\_ indeed \_\_\_\_\_ of the world." 1 Cor 12:3b says, "... no one can say, 'Jesus is Lord,' except by the Holy Spirit."

**Conclusion:** Each one must answer the question, "This is not the Christ, is it?" Beloved, receive the Word of God's message not as the word of men, but for what it really is, the word of God, which also performs its work in those who believe! While the word you have heard today is a stumbling block to some, and foolishness to others, it is the power of God to those who are being saved. Therefore, as Paul and Silas said to the Philippian jailer when he asked what he must do to be saved, " \_\_\_\_\_ in the Lord Jesus, and you shall \_\_\_\_\_, you and your household."

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