“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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