

Changed Lives

The Woman At The Well



Text: John 4:5-42

I. Introduction

- The woman at the well is the first one Jesus declared He was the Messiah to

II. This Story Is Set In Samaria

- Samaritans were a group of Jews who had intermarried with foreigners, viewed as outcasts
- Samaritans descended from the northern kingdom, Jews descended from southern kingdom
- People would go way out of their way to not even go through Samaria
- These people did not like each other, this is similar to segregation in our country's not too distant past
- The woman did not have a good reputation
- There is much hate in this world (Protestants and Catholics, black and white, Anglo and Latino, Muslims and Jews, the list goes on and on...)
- As Christians, we are commanded to love one another
- There is no way we can justify our hatred for another before God
- There is no excuse for hating another person

III. Jesus Reached Out To The Samaritan Woman

- **John 4:10**
- Jesus offered her grace
- **John 4:16-19**
- How did we become so judgmental of others?
- What's wrong with us that we cannot love those for whom Jesus died?
- Jesus constantly was with those who needed Him the most; those who we want to be around the least
- The greatest gift you can give is to share the gospel with another
- In a court case, sometimes the guilty go free
- You and I are guilty of sin, yet through Christ, we go free before God the eternal judge
- We are blinded to others and ourselves by our own sin

- We ourselves are the Samaritan Woman
- God's grace is freely available to all – to all races, to all religionslifestyle – unless you hate
- Thank God, praise God, His hand of mercy and grace extends to us

IV. The Story Of A Changed Life

- The Samaritan woman spread the word of the Gospel to others
- Many believed in Him because of the woman's testimony
- They asked Him to stay with them; they knew He was the Messiah; what a witness!!
- Couldn't this happen to you and me? We need to be ready!

V. Conclusion

- Can we pass the test?
- We need to show people around us by our own lives and examples of what it's like to be a Christian
- When they see our joy and fulfillment...they will want to be Christians too!!