

WITH CHRIST IN THE SCHOOL OF EVANGELISM (I)

JOHN 4:1-15

I. THREE PROVIDENTIAL CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUND THE MEETING OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST WITH AN UNNAMED SAMARITAN WOMAN (4:1-6)

A. The Lord Jesus Had Encountered A Polarizing Reaction That Presented His Own Ministry As Being Antagonistic To That Of John The Baptist (4:1-3)

1. It Was Based On What The Pharisees *Had Heard*
2. In Order To Preclude The Polarization Of These Two Ministries The Lord Opted To Leave Judea And Head Into Galilee

B. The Lord Jesus Determined To Go Through Samaria (4:4)

1. It Was Not An Issue Of Geographical Necessity
2. It Was A Matter Of Divine Necessity

C. The Lord Jesus Found Himself At The Historically Important Site Of Jacob's Well (4:5-6)

1. Sychar Was A Fork In The Road
2. The Lord's Fatigue As A Man And Need For Physical Refreshment Occasioned His Encounter With A Person Who Was Ripe For Harvest

II. THE CONVERSATION THAT BROUGHT ABOUT THE HARVEST IN SAMARIA (4:7-15)

A. The Lord Respectfully Requests A Drink Of Water (4:7-9)

1. It Was Not A Command
2. It Was Based On The Natural Point Of Contact Between Them (The Well And Its Water)

3. It Was Countered By The Woman's Question To The Lord About The Appropriateness Of His Request (4:9)
 - a. History Of The Samaritans
 - b. Points Of Application
- B. The Lord Advanced Immediately To The Central Issue (4:10-12)
 1. He Introduced The Issue Of His Identity (4:10)
 2. She Can Only Respond On An Earthly Level (4:11-12)
- C. The Lord Explained The Meaning Of *Living Water* (4:13-15)
 1. The Explanation Comes By Way Of Contrast (4:13-14)
 - a. No Temporal Sustenance Is Capable Of Satisfying For Eternity (4:13)
 - b. What Christ Gives perpetually Renews Itself Without End (4:14)
 2. Her Interest Is Peaked Though Still Without Understanding (4:15)

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