

Encountering Jesus

“The Woman at the Well”

(John 4:1-46)

- Introduction:
1. Today, we are going to begin another series of lessons on the life of Jesus.
 2. This series will examine several of the encounters Jesus had with people and some of the lessons we learn from them.
 3. Have you ever met someone famous?
 4. Have you ever met someone who changed your life?
 5. I think that for most all of us, the encounter we have had with Jesus, has forever changed our lives, and if not, I want you to get to know him better.

I. **Jesus Loves All People**

- A. Of course, we know this from some very familiar passages such as John 3:16, but it is expressed here in John 4 in two ways.
- B. First, Jesus “needed” to go through Samaria.
 1. (John 4:1-4).
 2. Logistically, he didn’t need to, for the Jews were quite familiar with a route to Jerusalem that would avoid Samaria.
 3. Jesus “needed” to go through Samaria because he was on a mission to reach out to those who needed him.
- C. Second, reached out to this woman in spite of her sinfulness.
 1. (John 4:16-18).
 2. Note that it was noon when Jesus met this woman at the well.
 3. “Just as I Am” is a beautiful song that expresses a great truth, but remember...
 - a. God loves you just as you are, but he loves you too much to let you stay the way you are.
 - b. Also, “Just As I Am” is not an anthem of tolerance, but rather a prelude to change.

II. **Jesus’ Impact on the Woman**

- A. Her respect for him grew.
 1. (John 4:9,11,19,29).
 2. Note the progression of respect she has for him...Jew, Sir, Prophet, Christ.
- B. She couldn’t remain silent.
 1. (John 4:28-29).
 2. Surely we can learn from her zeal!

- Conclusion:
1. Thank God for us love!
 2. And, may our lives be changed by our encounter with Jesus!