JOHN 4:4-26

Review...

- JOHN 2:13-25 GOING UP TO JERUSALEM...
 - o A family tradition Jesus went with His mother and brothers to the Passover...
 - o Jesus got angry and drove out the money changers with a whip...
 - o They were making God into a way to make money keeping people from the truth...
- John 3:1-21 Born from Above...
 - o A man named Nicodemus came to Jesus at night to ask if He was from God...
 - Jesus told him you must be 'born from above' to see the Kingdom of God...
 - Jesus explained you had to be born twice water and the spirit...
 - o God so LOVED the world He sent Jesus to take away our sins...
 - If we believe in Him we will not be judged because we are forgiven...
 - But many do not believe because they LOVE darkness / sin so hate Jesus
- JOHN 3:22-4:3 I MUST DECREASE...
 - o Jesus and John where both baptizing in the Jordan River after the Passover...
 - A certain Jew was baptized by Jesus' disciples began an argument with John's disciples
 - The disciples of John began to complain because Jesus was baptizing more than John!
 - o John responded to his disciples...
 - 1st All we have we received from above God created the church to be very diverse...
 - 2nd John did not preach himself he came preaching Jesus (*bride and bridegroom*)
 - 3rd Jesus is above all He is from heaven / He is the only authority / He is salvation!

LIVING WATER... (4 THINGS)

- 1st The need to go through Samaria... vs. 4-5
 - o 1st Samaria was the located between Jerusalem and the Galilee...
 - It was the most direct route for Jesus and His disciples to take home...
 - But Jews went out of their way in order to avoid Samaria it was not safe for Jews...
 - In fact later on in Jesus' ministry the Samaritan would refuse to let Jesus through...
 - Luke 9:53 "The people of [Samaria] refused to have anything to do with Jesus..."
 - o 2nd The history of Samaria...
 - After King Solomon Israel divided into two nations Northern & Southern...
 - The Northern Kingdom became know as Samaria named after its capitol city...
 - The Northern Kingdom was conquered by Assyria in 722 B.C II Kings 17:23
 - The Assyrians took the Israelites and scatter them to other conquered countries...
 - Then took captives from other countries and placed them in Israel...
 - Wild animals began to kill the people cause they did not know how to 'worship God'...
 - So Assyria allowed some of the Israelites to return to teach the people about God...

- This mixed people/religion became the 'Samaritans' of the New Testament...
- o 3rd Why the Jews hated the Samaritans...
 - Dating back to when the Jews returned from the Babylonian captivity 516 B.C....
 - The Samaritans wanted to help rebuild the Temple **Ezra 4:1-5** but were not allowed
 - Ezra 4:4 "Then the people of [Samaria] tried to discourage... [the Jews] in building..."
 - The Samaritans went on to oppose the rebuilding of Jerusalem Nehemiah 4:22
 - There after there was a constant tension and distrust between the two nations
- o 4th But Jesus NEEDED to go through Samaria and came to the city of Sychar...
 - It was the same place where Jacob had bought a plot of land Genesis 33:19
 - The city had been called Shechem one of the 6 cities of refuge Joshua 20:7
 - But now it was called Sychar meaning the city of drunks...
 - The point is this was a place that DID NOT know about God they NEEDED Jesus!
 - To many 'Christians' today try to stay as far as they can from sinners...
 - To them church should be a 'social gathering' for Godly people just like them...
 - But the church is not for social club for saints it is a hospital for sinners...
 - We cannot be afraid to go and get our hand dirty sinners need our help!
 - Not that we join in with them we need to be careful not to fall back into the world...
 - But we reach out to them showing them the Love of Jesus!

• 2^{ND} - Jesus was tired / thirsty / and hungry... vs. 6-8

- o 1st Jesus was tired from His journey so He sat down by Jacob's well...
 - When we think of Jesus we often get the impression He never stopped / rested / slept
 - But the Gospel of John more than any other Gospel shows us the humanity of Jesus...
 - Jesus was fully God / but also fully man so after a long journey He was tired...
 - Serving Jesus does not mean that we will never be tired or worn out...
 - In fact being a Christian is hard work and there are times when we need to 'rest'...
 - We need to find / take the time to recharge our batteries so we do not wear out!
- o 2^{nd} Jesus was thirsty it was 6pm when people came to draw water for dinner...
 - The suggestion is there was nothing at the well to draw with no bucket or rope...
 - Jesus could raise the dead / He could calm the storm / He could multiply the loaves...
 - Certainly He could have performed a miracle to get water out of that well...
 - But instead Jesus asked a local woman to give Him a drink...
 - God can miraculously provide for our needs like manna from heaven...
 - But He can also take care of us through the kindness of others...
 - Sometimes it is just matter of having the humility to ask for help
- o 3^{rd} Jesus was hungry so the Disciples had gone into town to buy food...
 - Again Jesus could have done something miraculous to get food...
 - But instead He just sent the disciples to the market to buy what they needed!
 - The most common way God provides we work to put food on the table...
 - II Thessalonians 3:10 "If anyone will not work, neither will he eat."
- 3rd Only the Living water satisfies... vs. 9-15

- o 1st The woman was surprised Jesus talked to her... vs. 9
 - Why would you a Jew ask me a Samaritan for water / Jews hate Samaritans...
 - Jesus was not afraid to cross boundaries He was willing to talk to anyone...
 - The person you know who is a Mormon / Iglesia ni Cristo / or JW...
 - Perhaps you have hesitated talking to them they are from 'that group'...
 - But they need Jesus just as much as the next person so step out and start talking...
- o 2nd Ask for Living Water... vs. 10-12
 - Jesus challenged her if you knew the gift of God you would ask for Living Water...
 - Jesus was not talking about physical water but about the gift of salvation...
 - **Revelation 22:1** "A pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding from the throne of God and of the Lamb."
 - Like His conversation with Nicodemus Jesus ignored her question...
 - And went right to the heart of the matter how to receive eternal life!
 - How do you share the Gospel with someone just start talking about life...
 - Maybe you ask about the weather are talk about the local well...
 - Once the conversation begins you can then turn it towards Jesus!
 - The woman did not understand Jesus had nothing to draw water with...
 - The well was VERY deep 41 meters so how could Jesus get this 'water'...
 - She asked if Jesus thought He was greater than our Father Jacob who dug the well...
 - She was only thinking about her immediate physical needs...
 - We need to be patient when we share the Good news people do not understand...
 - They spent all their lives living for the moment only thinking about money /food...
 - When we begin to talk about eternity we will tend to confuse them at first
- o 3^{rd} Never thirsty again... vs. 13-15
 - Jesus told the woman if you drink from the well you would be thirsty again...
 - But the Living Water will spring up in you a fountain of eternal life!
 - You will never EVER be thirsty again / the woman demanded 'give me this water!'
 - That way she would not have to come to the well she still did not understand...
 - Jesus was showing her the things of this world can never satisfy...
 - If we seek pleasure it is never enough satisfaction is only for a moment...
 - I love chocolate chip cookies when I was a kids I would eat them all...
 - I could never eat just one I always wanted one more then one more...
 - Till I was sick because of all the cookies and still I wanted more!
 - If we seek after possession it never seems to be enough we always want more...
 - One of the richest men who ever lived J.D. Rockefeller was asked...
 - 'How much is enough' his answer 'Just a little bit more'...
 - Most think this world has the answers it lures us in with false hopes and promises
 - Then leaves us empty inside never fulfilled always wanting more!
 - Only Jesus can satisfy…
 - No matter how many times we drink from the 'water of the world' thirsty again...
 - Ever noticed how the things of this world only seem to satisfy for a moment...
 - How many times have we said 'if I could only have _____ I would be happy'...
 - And when we get what we wanted happy for a moment then we want more...

- Only when we drink from the living water Jesus offers are we truly satisfied!
- 4^{TH} How to receive Living water... vs. 16-26
 - o 1st Jesus told the woman to go and call her Husband... vs. 16-18
 - The woman was quick to answer that she was not married...
 - Jesus was just ask quick to reply 'you have said well you have no husband'...
 - She had been married five times and was now living unmarried with a 6th man!
 - This woman had been looking for answers in relationships...
 - But from one man to the next she had been disappointed left empty / thirsty...
 - Jesus showed it had not worked she had not found the answer she was looking for!
 - There are many people who strive to find happiness in a relationship...
 - Men and women will abandon their families thinking the grass is greener!
 - King Solomon had 1000 wives he REALLY tried to find happiness in relationships!
 - But Solomon learned it was like chasing after the wind **Ecclesiastes 2:1-11**...
 - Looking for happiness answers to life in relationships is chasing the wind...
 - You are not chasing something that is hard to catch there is nothing there to catch!
 - Jesus showed revealed her thirst...
 - The only way to receive the 'water of life' is for someone to show you are thirsty...
 - If you think you are ok then you are not going to see your need for Jesus...
 - It is when we shine the light of God's word revealing sin...
 - That people realize their great need to repent and receive the gift of forgiveness!
 - o 2nd Changing the subject... vs. 19-24
 - Like shining a light into the darkest corner the woman did not like what Jesus exposed
 - So she tried to change the subject 'I think you are a prophet'...
 - We Samaritans believed God has to be worshiped at Mt. Gerizim in Samaria...
 - Because that is where the Blessing of the Law were read **Deuteronomy 27:12**
 - You Jews teach (in accordance to the Law) God has to be worshiped in Jerusalem...
 - She tried to get Jesus to argue about theology rather than her look at her sins...
 - When people are convicted they try to change the subject talk about religion...
 - You are a Baptist / we are catholic you sprinkle / we dunk...
 - But in reality they are just trying to change the subject because they are convicted!
 - The hour is coming when you will not worship God at Gerizim or Jerusalem...
 - True worshipers will worship in spirit and in truth...
 - God is not concerned about 'where' we worship but that we worship Him!
 - God is seeking those who are willing to worship in Sprit knowing the truth...
 - God is Spirit and those who worship him MUST worship in spirit and truth...
 - God is not concerned about our differences traditions ceremonies or religion...
 - What day to gather to worship / the name on the sign over the church...
 - He just desires a relationship with us God is all about a true relationship...
 - o 3rd Receiving the Messiah... vs. 25-26
 - The Samaritan woman answered I know the Messiah / Christ is coming...
 - When He comes He will tell us everything how to worship / how to be saved...
 - Jesus answered 'I am the Messiah / Christ'!
 - We NEED to go through Samaria go tell even those we do not like about Jesus...
 - Take the time to sit down and talk to people just start a conversation...
 - Then take the opportunity to tell them about Jesus...

- Patiently showing them the emptiness in their heart their need for salvation...
- Passing by the emptiness of religion to finally let them see Jesus!