

Jesus and the Outcast

John 4:4-30; 39-42

1. Jesus came for both the _____ and the _____.
2. Jesus addresses both _____ and _____.
3. We can either _____ Him or _____ Him.

Personal and Mid-Week Study:

Historical reference

There was a lot of ethnic tension between Jews and Samaritans – tension which comes as a result of history. When the king of Assyria conquered the Northern Tribes of Israel in 722BC he removed most of the inhabitants – and then replaced them with people from other countries. This strategy was known as deportation – spreading the inhabitants of a conquered land to other nations in order to discourage regrouping and retaliation. As the new group of people from various nations began to work together they would often keep their old religion and mix it with the religion of their new country. In Israel these imported people became known as Samaritans – a mixed race of unfaithful Jews and outside pagans.

John 4:1-10; 2 Kings 17:41

Why is she drawing water in the middle of the day?

Why would it have been considered inappropriate for Jesus to approach the Samaritan Woman?

John 4:11-18

What does Jesus know that the Samaritan Woman does not?

Why does Jesus point out her sin rather than simply giving her this 'living water'?

John 4:19-26

How is she worshiping wrongly?

What is true worship?

John 4:27-30; 39-42

How does Jesus' interaction with the woman affect the rest of the people in the region?

What are the differences between Jesus' reception in Samaria and previously discussed passages?

For Further Consideration and Application:

How does honesty about our sin play into our salvation?

The woman showed no discretion in who she told about Jesus. How do we go about doing the same?

Prayer Point:

Pray that when God reveals your sin to you, that you would be quick to repent. Pray that you would be compassionate to the 'outcast' and tell others about Jesus.