Solid Rock Baptist Church

Jesus and the Woman at the Well – Part 2

TEXT: John 4:1-45

STORY ELEMENTS:

Setting: circa 26 AD in Sychar, Samaria

Main Characters: God, Jesus, the disciples, and a Samaritan woman

Plot: Jesus evangelizes a Samaritan woman at Jacob's well.

Key word(s): "_____

Climax: John 4:17–18 The woman answered and said, I have no husband. Jesus said unto her, Thou hast well said, I have no husband: 18 For thou hast had five husbands; and he whom thou now hast is not thy husband: in that saidst thou truly.

Review

- 1. (vv 5-6) *En route* to Galilee, Jesus and his disciples passed through Samaria and stopped at a town called ______.
- (vv 5-10) When Jesus stopped at Jacob's Well (Gen. 33:19) for rest, he asked a woman there for a drink. The woman was shocked that Jesus would even speak to her. Jesus responded to her by offering her a drink of "living water." Living water is the life-giving, sin-cleansing, soul-changing power of the
- 3. (v. 19)Because Jesus spoke honestly of the woman's sinful lifestyle, she couldn't help but discern the work of God, saying, "I perceive that thou art a ______."

"Neither in this mountain, nor yet at Jerusalem..."

- 4. (vv 20-24) In what seems to be an attempt to change the subject, the woman brought up the age-old rivalry between the temple at Mt. Gerizim and the one in Jerusalem. Jesus' answer shows that the Messiah will usher in a new era where worship is not about *where* but about *how:* "in spirit and in truth."
 - (a) External conformity would be displaced by inward _
 - (b) Focus on external rituals would be superseded by a focus on the _____ condition towards God.
- 5. (vv 25-26) Jesus had kindly rebuked her for her Samaritan syncretism, saying, "Ye worship ye know not what." Then later she states, "I know ______ cometh." Jesus said, "I am he."

"Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields..."

- 6. (vv 27-30) When his disciples returned from grocery shopping, they were just as surprised to see Jesus talking with this woman as she was. The woman left and was so excited to have met the Messiah that she forgot she was hiding from the public. She told the whole town, "Come, see a man, which told me all things that ever I did: is not this the _____?"
- 7. (vv 31-34) Meanwhile, the disciples urged Jesus to eat, but he said, "I have meat to eat that ye know not of." He was talking about______. "My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work."
- 8. (vv 35-38) Jesus takes a moment to teach his disciples about winning souls:
 - (a) "they are white already unto harvest" the fields of Gospel labor are ready for the picking. Being white unto harvest refers to the change in color of grain from green (unripe) to a light yellow (ripe). To see these fields ready for harvest takes _____.
 - (b) "he that soweth and he that reapeth may rejoice together" Sowing and reaping in the Gospel is a ______ work.

- (c) "I sent you to reap that whereon you bestowed no labor: other men laboured and ye are entered into their labours" - even the first disciples, the Apostles ("sent ones") benefited by the previous work of other Gospel laborers. Who were they?
- (vv 39-42) Many Samaritans in the town believed on Jesus, and he and the disciples stayed there for ______ days.

Applications and Observations

- 10. Jesus said the fields of Gospel labor were ready for harvesting, yet we often view the fields as barren. In the parable of the soils, Jesus mentions some ground on which the Gospel seed will not grow.
 - (a) What should be the soul winner's perspective? Expectant toiling or hard drudgery?
 - (b) If the fields are truly ready, why don't we do more harvesting?

Notes

Key word(s): "water"

- 1. Sychar
- 2. Holy Spirit
- 3. prophet
- 4. a) transformation; b) heart's
- 5. Messias
- 6. Christ
- 7. soul winning
- 8. a) faith; b) united; c) e.g., The prophets, John the Baptist, teachers of the Bible, and Jesus himself

ANSWER KEY:

- 9. two
- 10. a) and b) : answers will vary