

BBC Bible Study Outline – 4/27/25 – “A Gospel Story for the Ages”

John 4:1-42

Read Romans 10:9-15

Gospel = Good News

1. A Gospel Encounter (John 4:1-30)

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- The Location (v. 1-6) – Region of Samaria and city of Sychar/Shechem
Even though this was in the middle of a direct north-south route, the region of Samaria was strongly avoided by the Jews as Samaritans were considered second class because of their intermarriage with Gentiles during the time of the deportation of Israel by the Assyrians in 722BC.
- The Confrontation (v. 7-24) – Jesus and the Samaritan Woman
 - Question: *What confrontational/antagonistic tones do you recognize in the conversation?*
 - Question: *Is Jesus making fun of her? And was it rude/mean for Him to identify her “checkered past?”*
 - Question: *What is God seeking/looking for? (v. 23)*

The Samaritan woman is searching for spiritual truth and she is so close...

- The Revelation (v. 25-26) – Jesus is Messiah!
Jesus reveals in no uncertain terms that He is the Messiah she was waiting/hoping for.

2. A Gospel Teaching (John 4:31-38)

Read John 4:31-38

When the disciples returned around the same time she was leaving, they bring him bread to eat, but can't understand when He says he actually has food they didn't know about.

Jesus was talking on a spiritual level and equated His “food” with doing the will of God and finishing His work.

- Read John 17:1-4 – *What is the work that Christ was given by the Father?*

Beyond His personal obedience, Christ wanted to teach and prepare the disciples for what they needed to do.

3 exhortations for them and for us from John 4:35:

- 1) Lift – lift your eyes
Read Colossians 3:1-2

- 2) Look – look at people
The fields in Jesus' illustration are people and attention needs to be paid to them.

- 3) Love – we must love them enough to share the gospel

Question to ask ourselves: “Oh Lord, what would You have me to do about world missions?”

3. A Gospel Harvest (John 4:39-42)

Ready John 4:39-42

Christ's atonement is sufficient for all and whosoever will may come to Him for salvation... but, “How shall they hear without a preacher (herald)?”

Question: *What is God showing/saying to you?*