

I. SHECHEM WELL

A. No Baptism

1. Remember that Jesus Himself baptized no one – His disciples
2. Why was this?
3. Two reasons:
 - a. Remember Corinth - I am of Paul and I am of Apollos?
 - i. Jesus couldn't physically baptize everyone
 - ii. Some would think themselves special
 - iii. Some would hold themselves higher perhaps
 - b. Second: The Administrator less important than the act
 - i. EVEN if Jesus Himself
 - ii. The effect and benefit of baptism not dependent on who is doing it!

B. City of Shechem

1. Only Jerusalem has more Bible history connected with it
 - a. Gen. 12:6 – God first appeared to Abraham there
 - b. Jacob dwelt there when he returned from Padan-aram
 - c. Shechem the son of Hamor the Hivite defiled Dinah here
 - d. Simeon and Levi slew the men of the city for Dinah's sake there
 - e. Jacob sent Joseph to Shechem to see how his brother's did and they sold him to the Midianites
 - f. Shechem was one of the cities of Refuge appointed in Joshua 20:7
 - g. Here Joshua gathered all the tribes to address them a final time
 - h. Here the bones of Joseph and the Patriarchs are buried
 - i. From here Abimelech reigned over Israel three years (Judges 9:22)
 - j. Rehoboam's answer divided the kingdom after Solomon died
 - k. King Jeroboam dwelt here in Shechem and ruled Israel
2. Jacob's Well
 - a. We know because the Bible says so (vs. 6)
 - b. Bible says in Genesis that Abraham and Isaac dug wells
 - c. However, interestingly no record of Jacob digging wells
3. Route
 - a. Most Jews would go FAR around Samaria
 - b. The Jews hated the Samaritans so much that they wouldn't even travel through the country even though it was half the distance
4. Half-breeds
 - a. The Samaritans were half Jewish and half Assyrian (721 B.C.)
 - b. They had their own temple and their own religion
 - c. Their own copy of the Torah (first five books)

C. No Rivalry

1. Vs. 1 – When He knew how the Pharisees heard...
 - a. We often say we have “liberty in Christ” to do things
 - b. That may be true, but does it WIN THE LOST?
 - c. Is it effective for the Kingdom?
2. He left Judea
 - a. It wasn’t that He had made more disciples
 - b. It was when the Pharisees KNEW it
 - c. We shouldn’t badmouth the gospel preaching church across town
 - d. We have enough to do to when the lost within our own reach
3. He must NEEDS go through Samaria (vs. 4)
 - a. God Himself ordained it
 - b. The religious people would walk around
 - c. Jesus went right smack through it!

II. SAMARITAN WOMAN

A. Many messages preached

1. Let me refresh your memory (vs. 6)
 - a. It was the sixth hour – that’s NOON
 - b. And she was coming to fetch water
 - c. That was a job that most people would do first thing in morning
 - d. That’s when the “decent” ladies came
 - i. They probably talked and caught up
 - ii. Maybe made social plans to visit for dinner one night
 - iii. Probably a high time
 - iv. All the ladies of the nearby neighborhoods
 - v. Everyone knew each other
 - e. This woman didn’t come down to the well in the morning
 - f. Tells us one of two things
 - i. Maybe she tried it once and swore she’d never associate around those waggle-tongues again!
 - ii. Maybe she never tried it and just assumed that it would be horrible. She’d be embarrassed, ashamed, rejected!
 - iii. Or possibly the life she lived, maybe didn’t lead to being an early riser
2. She saw Jesus there (vs. 7)
 - a. Some experts believe that Jews of this day wore a blue ribbon in the hems of their robes during these days
 - b. Perhaps it was simply the manner of His speech or something about the way He dressed.
 - c. She knew He was a Jew
3. Why would a Jew speak to her?
 - a. Her own people wouldn’t even talk to her
 - b. And the Jews hated her people (vs. 9)

4. Greater than Jacob? (vs. 12)
 - a. Yes, greater than Abraham
 - b. John 8:58 – “Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Before Abraham was, I am.”
- B. Living Water
1. Speaking of Himself, naturally!
 - a. Water is Life, people in this arid culture knew that
 - i. You had to plan for it
 - ii. Measure it
 - iii. Think about it always!
 - iv. Do I have enough? When can I get more?
 - v. Where will the next drink come from?
 - b. He IS that spring of Living Water
 - i. Living water?
 - ii. But He has no bucket? (vs. 11)
 - iii. 40 or 50 feet deep
 - iv. But Jesus is going deeper still!
 2. You Understand Water?
 - a. The water from this well runs out (vs. 13)
 - b. But the water I give NEVER runs out (vs. 14)
- C. If He had said
1. Believe the Bible and get Saved, she would have ignored Him
 - a. The Samaritans had no use for the Jews religion
 2. If He had said I am the only Savior, she would have run from Him
 - a. She would have thought Him an insane man
 3. But He won her confidence first!
 - a. He talked to her about things she could understand!
 - b. He made salvation ATTRACTIVE to her!
 - c. That’s how we win the lost!

III. SIN’S WRECKAGE

- A. She wanted what He told her about – She wanted Salvation
1. But there was a problem that she must first confront
 2. For years, I didn’t understand this passage
 - a. I couldn’t figure out why Jesus spent so much time with her
 - b. She wanted to be Saved and He changed the subject (vs. 15-16)
 - c. Why?
 3. Because wanting the benefits of Salvation isn’t enough
 - a. Unless you are also willing to confront your sin
 - b. The Bible says that all have sinned and come short...
 - c. There is none righteous, no, not one
 - d. God already knew it
 - e. But SHE had to admit it to God and to herself

4. If 1-2-3, Pray-After-Me were Biblical, Jesus would have done so!
- B. Sir, I Perceive (vs. 19)
1. She just blurts it out – She is amazed and terribly convicted
 - a. Notice that the horror of her secret sins exposed
 - b. Turned into an incredible testimony of Salvation later (vs. 29)
 2. So now she wants to know how to get right with God! (vs. 20)
 - a. I do not see this as an objection
 - b. She said He was a prophet, so I see this as her genuine question: Which is right?
 - c. I believe she might just try to do whichever one He said!
- C. Neither in this mountain
1. Nor in Jerusalem. Why?
 2. Because we have BOLD ACCESS to the throne room of God
 3. We don't need an intermediary, no priest, no special place
 4. He becomes a permanent part of our LIFE!

IV. SPIRIT WORSHIP

- A. The Hour Cometh, and Now Is
1. True Worshippers
 2. We don't have to wait for it, the hour is upon us
 3. That echoes 2 Cor. 6:2 – "(For he saith, I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of salvation have I succoured thee: behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.)"
- B. In Spirit and In Truth
1. No mystery here!
 2. Spirit – God is a Spirit (vs. 24)
 - a. Rom. 8:8-9 – "So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God. (9) But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his."
 - b. Rom. 8:14 – "For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God."
 3. Truth?
 - a. Jesus Christ!
 - b. John 14:3 – "Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me."
 - c. John 1:1 – "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God."
 - d. Psa. 119:160 – "Thy word is true from the beginning: and every one of thy righteous judgments endureth for ever."
 4. Mirrored when we pray!

V. SALVATION'S WORK

- A. That is the work Jesus came here to do
 - 1. She asks a clear question – vs. 25
 - 2. Are you the Messiah?
 - 3. Vs. 26 - Yes!
- B. God is SEEKING such to worship Him – vs. 23
- C. John 14:3 – “Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.”
- D. Come to Jesus today!