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Intro:

1. The Theme of the Gospel of John: "The \_\_Word\_\_ Became Flesh"

2. The Purpose of the Gospel of John: "That We May \_\_Believe\_\_\_

*"Having recognized the position of the Word to world, John reveals Christ purpose in the world. "He was in the beginning because He is God", He was in the beginning before the first words were mentioned, and He is at the beginning of all things. Genesis 1:1 prepared the way for the account of Him with God in the world activity which appears in the following section: "All things came into being through Him”* Pastor Mike Barton.

I. She had some understanding of the Messiah - 25 The woman said to him, “I know that Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ). When he comes, he will tell us all things.”

• It is as if she knew the talking points. This is different than what they were talking about, What she was saying was “once we were talking about worship God in spirit and in truth and coming of the the Messiah.” Her comment was only loosely related to what Jesus had just said. She probably uttered it with a sigh, revealing her uncertainty about an unknown future. The Samaritans believed in the coming of “the Prophet” predicted by Moses (Deut. 18:15-18), whom they called “the Restorer.”

She was taught:

a. That the Messiah was coming

• The Samaritans may have also heard of the coming Messiah from John the Baptist who had been baptizing in northern Samaria (3:23). They, as with the Jews, probably did not consider “the Prophet” and “the Messiah” to be the same person. Either way, both groups were expecting someone who would be a political liberator. They could not accept the idea that the long-awaited one would be a suffering servant before he would become the conquering king.

b. That the Messiah would be the Supreme Authority

• The person who constantly rejects Christ (agnostic/atheists) is seldom reached for Christ. It’s the person who listens to the Word and with an intelligent and mental thought accepts the facts, stands a much better chance of being reached for God. Honest debate is good, it is the “got you” questions Paul warns us about - “Have nothing to do with foolish, ignorant controversies; you know that they breed quarrels” 2 Tim. 2:23. Those people really don’t want to be open minded.

II. She had a great acceptance of who Christ was – 26 Jesus said to her, “I who speak to you am he.” 29 “Come, see a man who told me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?”

• The woman had already perceived that Jesus was a prophet (4:19); his comments made her wish for the coming Prophet who would explain everything (Life Application New Testament Commentary, Bruce B. Barton, D. Min., pg. 390).

a. Jesus said He was the Messiah

• She never questioned him about it, she never called him a blasphemer, she said nothing other than “Can this be the Christ?” It is as if, being under heavy conviction, she is starting to see that Jesus Christ is the Messiah. The One she was taught about as a child, is standing right in front of her encouraging her to repent and turned to Him for redemption”

b. Jesus said He was the Supreme Authority – 1 And getting into a boat he crossed over and came to his own city. 2 And behold, some people brought to him a paralytic, lying on a bed. And when Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, “Take heart, my son; your sins are forgiven.” 3 And behold, some of the scribes said to themselves, “This man is blaspheming.” 4 But Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, “Why do you think evil in your hearts? 5 For which is easier, to say, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Rise and walk’? 6 But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins”—he then said to the paralytic— “Rise, pick up your bed and go home.” 7 And he rose and went home. 8 When the crowds saw it, they were afraid, and they glorified God, who had given such authority to men”Matthew 9:1-8.

• She knew that the Messiah will be given much authority (v. 25 “he will tell us all things”) and now Jesus is confirming this truth to her. According to the Jews only God has the Authority to do these three things:

° He claimed Authority by telling her He knew her sins

° He claimed Authority by telling her to change the way she was living her life

° He claimed Authority by forgiving her of her sins

III. She was met with great opposition – 27 Just then his disciples came back. They marveled that he was talking with a woman, but no one said, “What do you seek?” or, “Why are you talking with her?”

• The disciples were appalled that Jesus would break parodical. What would the neighbors think, what would the Pharisees think, or my favorite, he never stopped for a moment to ask us what we would think, let alone how this would make us look in front everyone.

a. He is talking to a woman in public

b. He is talking to a Smartian woman in public

IV. She proclaimed the Jesus was the Christ - 28 So the woman left her water jar and went away into town and said to the people, 29 “Come, see a man who told me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?”

a. She left what she was doing to spread the gospel

b. She went to the people in her town

c. I believe she told the man she was living with about Christ

“Christ never said for her to go into the town where she lived and tell someone. She was overwhelmed with emotion, joy, excitement that she had to go and tell the town folk who she met. When you really get Christ into your heart you will not be able to contain Him”

V. She had a great response to her testimony – 30 They went out of the town and were coming to him”

a. She was a no-name of no social importance

b. The people responded to the Gospel message

“She must have been well known for it seems that the town responded to her, just as if Billy Sunday started a camp meeting. When people are sincere about Christ others will respond with honesty” Pastor Mike Barton.