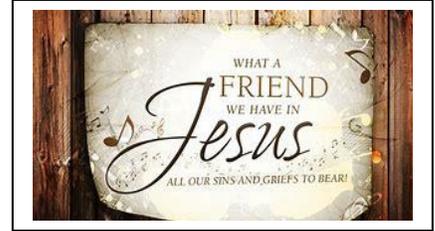


What A Friend: Getting to Know Jesus through the Gospel of John  
January 24, 2021 @ 9:15 AM  
John 4: Jesus and the Woman at the Well  
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- A. Opening Prayer
- B. Opening Devotional: Psalm 8
- C. Behind the Scenes- The Animosity between the Jews and Samaritans:
  1. The rift between the two groups began after Israel was divided into two nations in \_\_\_\_\_ BC.
  2. The northern kingdom was called Israel and its capital was in \_\_\_\_\_. (Jeroboam was its king.)
  3. The southern kingdom was called Judea and its capital was in \_\_\_\_\_. (Rehoboam was its king.)
  4. The two kingdoms developed different customs and regulations, such as:
    - a. Those in Judea could only \_\_\_\_\_ among Jews, while those in Samaria could marry among Gentiles.
    - b. Those in Judea held to strict kosher laws in terms of \_\_\_\_\_, unlike those in Samaria.
    - c. Those in Samaria supported Babylon's \_\_\_\_\_ upon Judea and vigorously opposed the Jews returning to Judea after the Babylonian exile.
    - d. Those in Samaria set up their own \_\_\_\_\_ centers where sacrifices were offered. The Jews believed that the true temple was in Jerusalem.
    - e. Those in Samaria rejected all of the books of the Old Testament, except for the \_\_\_\_\_ (the first five books of the Bible).
  5. Due to these things, the Jews considered those in Samaria to be "half-breeds" and referred to them as "\_\_\_\_\_."
  6. The hatred between both groups was so great that Jews would often \_\_\_\_\_ traveling through Samaria, crossing the Jordan River and traveling on the east side.
- D. An Unexpected Meeting: John 4:1-20
  1. Jesus, as a Jewish man, broke social and religious etiquette by \_\_\_\_\_ through Samaria. John 4:4 states, "Jesus had to go through Samaria."
  2. The town of Sychar had been a \_\_\_\_\_ and sacred place 1,800 years earlier.
  3. Jesus is \_\_\_\_\_ and rests at the well around 12noon.
  4. Our checkered pasts do not \_\_\_\_\_ a relationship with Jesus.
  5. Jesus offers the woman \_\_\_\_\_ Water, which brings wholeness and satisfaction.

E. A Deeper Belief: John 4:21-26

1. Jesus invites her to worship in someone who is \_\_\_\_\_ and real.
2. Jesus reveals and identifies himself as the \_\_\_\_\_.

F. An Unlikely Missionary: John 4:27-42

1. What is the significant of the woman leaving her water jar behind?
2. The woman's testimony caused many to \_\_\_\_\_ in Jesus.

G. Take Aways:

1. Only Jesus can truly \_\_\_\_\_ us and satisfy us.
2. God uses \_\_\_\_\_ people to share the Good News of God.
3. Jesus goes to \_\_\_\_\_ places to bring healing and reconciliation.
4. God can transform and \_\_\_\_\_ our lives.

H. Closing Comments and Prayer

Remaining Class Schedule:

January 31 John 5: Jesus and the Man by the Pool

February 7 John 9: Jesus and the Blind Man

February 14 John 11: Jesus and Mary and Martha

February 21 John 21: Jesus and Peter