**Gospels – Evangelism Among the Samaritans**

# Introduction to the Four Gospels.

# The Introduction of the King.

# Authentication of the King.

## The Acceptance of His Person.

### Belief by the First Disciples, John 1:35-51.

### Belief through the First Miracle, John 2:1-11.

### The Stay in Capernaum, John 2:12.

### The Possession of the Temple, John 2:13-22.

### Acceptance in Judea at the First Passover, John 2:23-3:21.

### The Witness of John, John 3:22-36.

### The Withdrawal from Judea,

#### John 4:1-4 – Jesus surpasses John in His ministry.

#### Matt 4:12 (as King) – Jesus makes a tactical withdrawal.

#### Mark 1:14 (as Servant) – Jesus does not change His operation.

#### Luke 3:18-20 (as Perfect Man) - led by the Spirit during political issues.

##### Herod Antipas divorced the daughter of Aretas, King of Nabatea (which was likely a “peace treaty” with the Arabs as a Roman buffer state).

##### This causes great political tension with the Arabs. Aretas will invade and defeat Herod Antipas in AD36.

##### Herod Antipas marries Herodius, the former wife of his brother Herod Philip. Violates Lev 18:16 and 20:21.

##### John is imprisoned in Machaerus in Perea, the second greatest fortress city next to Jerusalem, and Herod Antipas’ summer palace.

### The Acceptance in Samaria, John 4:5-42.

#### Jesus engages the woman, vv5-26.

##### Sychar.

###### This is “the city of the drunks.”

###### This is where Joseph’s bones are buried. Gen 48:21-22; Ex 13:19, Josh 24:32.

##### V6, the “sixth hour” = noon. Women normally came to the well at night.

##### V8, Jesus shapes the encounter.

##### V9, notice the contrast in people from the richest, most respected Jew, Nicodemus, in the last episode, to one of the most despised categories of people, a promiscuous Samaritan woman, from a town of drunks.

##### Prejudicial barriers:

###### National/racial - Jew vs. Samaritan.

###### Gender - Man vs. woman.

###### Ceremonial - Rabbi vs Samaritan unclean vessel (for water).

###### Lifestyle - Righteous person vs. unrighteous sinner.

##### V10, Evangelism technique #1: Jesus does not respond to the racial comment.

##### Vv10-11, Evangelism technique #2: begin a conversation about normal things and let it take you to spiritual things.

##### V10, in the OT, a believer could ask for the Enduement of the Spirit.

##### V12, Funny Inside Joke: see Gen 32:22-32. Jacob was thought to be a giant, perhaps 7’ tall. Who was “the wrestler”? Who won?

##### Jesus uses a metaphorical term of “living water.” “Living water” contrasts with stagnant water. Living water is usually thought of as the water of a clear stream in contrast to the stagnant water of a cistern, well or pond. What are the key points of this metaphor? (Clean, refreshing, tastes good, never runs out).

##### What aspect does the woman latch on to?

##### V16-19 – Jesus’ omniscience exposed.

##### V20-26 – What are the two key characteristic of godly worship?

##### How does that contrast with ungodly worship?

#### The woman engages the town, 27-30.

#### Jesus engages the disciples, vv31-38.

##### How does Jesus use this analogy of food? (Nourishes; or the production of food; paycheck; happiness).

##### How does He compare evangelism to teamwork?

#### The Samaritans engage Jesus, vv39-42.

##### Personal evangelism of the woman.

##### Personal seeking of Jesus.

### The Acceptance in Galilee, John 4:43-45.