**Gospels – Samaritan Woman**

# 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.

#### 2:23-25, Insight into Jesus’ trust of the crowd.

#### Nicodemus’ visit, 3:1-21.

#### V14, Review of the Wilderness generations:

##### How was the Exodus generation “saved”? Ex 12:12-13, 42-49.

##### How was Joshua’s generation “saved”? Num 21:1-9.

#### V14-15, Jesus on the Cross is the means to eternal life, appropriated through faith.

#### V16, gives the explanation for the 1st Advent of Christ. Cf 3:2.

#### Big exegetical question: where does Jesus stop talking and John begin talking in vv15-21?

#### V16, If Christianity is a religion of love, how does God’s love work?

#### In evangelism, when is the unbeliever “judged”?

#### Who was the Lake of Fire prepared for? See Matt 25:41.

#### Why do people go to the Lake of Fire, sins or works? Rev 20:11-15.

#### Compare this passage in John 3 to John 1:5-13.

#### Vv20-21, to what does “Light” refer?

#### V20, does this verse talk about “being judged” according to modern terminology?

#### How does one “practice truth”?

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

#### Vv22-24, Jesus and His disciples are in a relatively peaceful holding pattern.

#### What should we be doing when life does not seem to move forward?

#### V25-26, this discussion arises from a dispute from a person trying to cause trouble. What should one do with such a person? See 1 Tim 6:3-5.

#### Look ahead to John 4:1-3, as the possible cause for the “problem.”

#### How much trouble can one person stir up?

#### Vv27-30, John the Baptist shows the correct attitude.

#### V29, John compares himself to the “best man” at a wedding. The groom should be the center of attention, not the best man.

#### Vv31-36, the Apostle John’s commentary on the previous events.

##### “Give the Spirit without measure” – How does the giving of God the Holy Spirit in the Church differ from the Spirit in the OT?

##### Compare the need for the Holy Spirit to vv32-33. Cf 1 Cor 2:11-16.

##### V36, “wrath abides on him.” What does “abide” mean?

##### Do people know about God’s wrath? Cf Romans 1:18-20.

### 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?

##### 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?