

# Evangelism 101

John 1: 1 - 15

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# John 4: 1 - 6

<sup>1</sup> Therefore when the Lord knew that the Pharisees had heard that Jesus was making and baptizing more disciples than John <sup>2</sup> (although Jesus Himself was not baptizing, but His disciples were), <sup>3</sup> He left Judea and went away again into Galilee. <sup>4</sup> And He had to pass through Samaria. <sup>5</sup> So He came to a city of Samaria called Sychar, near the parcel of ground that Jacob gave to his son Joseph; <sup>6</sup> and Jacob's well was there. So Jesus, being wearied from His journey, was sitting thus by the well. It was about the sixth hour.

# John 4: 7 -11

<sup>7</sup> There came a woman of Samaria to draw water. Jesus said to her, “Give Me a drink.” <sup>8</sup> For His disciples had gone away into the city to buy food. <sup>9</sup> Therefore the Samaritan woman said to Him, “How is it that You, being a Jew, ask me for a drink since I am a Samaritan woman?” (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.) <sup>10</sup> Jesus answered and said to her, “If you knew the gift of God, and who it is who says to you, ‘Give Me a drink,’ you would have asked Him, and He would have given you living water.” <sup>11</sup> She said to Him, “Sir, You have nothing to draw with and the well is deep; where then do You get that living water?”

# John 4: 12 - 15

<sup>12</sup> “You are not greater than our father Jacob, are You, who gave us the well, and drank of it himself and his sons and his cattle?” <sup>13</sup> Jesus answered and said to her, “Everyone who drinks of this water will thirst again; <sup>14</sup> but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him shall never thirst; but the water that I will give him will become in him a well of water springing up to eternal life.” <sup>15</sup> The woman said to Him, “Sir, give me this water, so I will not be thirsty nor come all the way here to draw.”

# Start a Conversation. Vv. 1 - 9

- The Preliminaries.
  - Jesus had a divine appointment in Samaria.
  - While the disciples were away, Jesus sits at a well.
  - Note Jesus was fully human and was tired and thirsty.
- Jesus rejected all prejudices.
  - Jews and Samaritans did not associate.
  - Men did not speak to women in public.
  - A Rabbi wouldn't speak to the unclean.
- Jesus started the conversation.
  - He Defied all custom, culture and prejudices.

# Make a Spiritual Connection. Vv. 10 – 11.

- Using Living Water Jesus speaks to spiritual issues.
  - Now Jesus pictures the woman in need of water.
  - Jesus is the gift of God with a gift of salvation.
  - Living water in John refers to the Holy Spirit work in salvation.
  - Learn how to turn a conversation to spiritual issues.
- An intriguing and sassy response.
  - The woman states that Jesus has no bucket.
  - She has not seen the spiritual application yet.
  - She is thinking about the fresh soft water of the well.

# Pique Interest. Vv. 12 – 15.

- The woman challenges Jesus.
  - Jesus is greater than Jacob being Jacob's God.
  - Even "great" Jacob had to dig and retrieve the water.
- Jesus "piques interest" with offer of a "water" that permanently satisfies thirst.
  - The thirst of the soul is truly satisfied in Christ.
- The woman asks for the water Jesus offered.
  - She doesn't yet recognize the spiritual context.
  - She is more interested in indoor plumbing.
  - The point is Jesus brought her to make the request.

# Conclusion

- We can learn from Jesus here how to lead someone to faith in Jesus Christ.
  - Start a conversation - So faith *comes* from hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ. (Romans 10: 17).
  - Make a Spiritual connection – find an opportunity in the conversation to transition to spiritual things.
  - Pique interest – appeal to a felt need and the reality that a relationship with Jesus Christ meets the deepest need.
- Next week we will see that the process is not yet complete as sin needs to be confessed, and faith placed in the salvation offered through Jesus Christ.