THE JESUS YOU MIGHT NOT KNOW: IS HE SEEKING US, OR ARE WE SEEKING HIM?

HOW JESUS SEEKS US

1. He Seeks Us Past Racial Divides

³ He left Judea and departed again to Galilee. ⁴ But He needed to go through Samaria. ⁵ So He came to a city of Samaria which is called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. ⁶ Now Jacob's well was there. Jesus therefore, being wearied from His journey, sat thus by the well. It was about the sixth hour. ~ John 4:3-6 (NKJV)

2. He Seeks Past Our Social Divide

⁷ A woman of Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give Me a drink." ⁸ For His disciples had gone away into the city to buy food. ~ **John 4:7-8 (NKJV)**

3. He Seeks Us Past The <u>Cultural</u> Divide

Then the woman of Samaria said to Him, "How is it that You, being a Jew, ask a drink from me, a Samaritan woman?" For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans. ~ John 4:9 (NKJV)

4. He Seeks Past The Moral Divide

¹⁶ Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here." ¹⁷ The woman answered and said, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You have well said, 'I have no husband,' ¹⁸ for you have had five husbands, and the one whom you now have is not your husband; in that you spoke truly." ~ **John 4:16-19 (NKJV)**

When Jesus heard it, He said to them, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners, to repentance." ~ Mark 2:17 (NKJV)

HOW DOES JESUS SAVE US?

1. He Identified With Us In His Humanity

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2. He Invites Our Curiosity

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3. He Insists On Our Honesty

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The woman said to Him, "Sir, I perceive that You are a prophet. ~ John 4:19 (NKJV)

All have turned away; all have become useless. No one does good, not a single one." ~ Romans 3:12 (NLT)

For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. ~ Romans 3:23 (NKJV)

4. He Invalidates Our Religiosity

²⁰ Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, and you Jews say that in Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship." ²¹ Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe Me, the hour is coming when you will neither on this mountain, nor in Jerusalem, worship the Father. ²² You worship what you do not know; we know what we worship, for salvation is of the Jews. ²³ But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. ²⁴ God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth." ~ John 4:20-24 (NKJV)

5. He Initiates Our Responsibility.

The woman said to Him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When He comes, He will tell us all things." ²⁶ Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am He." ~ **John 4:25-26 (NKJV)**

HOW JESUS SENDS US.

²⁷ And at this point His disciples came, and they marveled that He talked with a woman; yet no one said, "What do You seek?" or, "Why are You talking with her?" The woman then left her waterpot, went her way into the city, and said to the men, ²⁹ "Come, see a

Man who told me all things that I ever did. Could this be the Christ?" ³⁰ Then they went out of the city and came to Him. ~ John 4:27-30 (NKJV)

³⁹ And many of the Samaritans of that city believed in Him because of the word of the woman who testified, "He told me all that I ever did." ⁴⁰ So when the Samaritans had come to Him, they urged Him to stay with them; and He stayed there two days. ⁴¹ And many more believed because of His own word. ⁴² Then they said to the woman, "Now we believe, not because of what you said, for we ourselves have heard Him and we know that this is indeed the Christ, the Savior of the world." ~ John 4:39-42 (NKJV)

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