Jesus and the Evangelizing of The Samaritan Woman John 4:7-14

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- The Bible opens, in John 4, by saying that the Pharisees had begun to keep count on how many baptisms were occurring in Jesus' camp and how many were happening in John the Baptist's camp
- And so to keep the devil from creating dissension, the Bible says that Jesus moved his campaign elsewhere, to Galilee
- Christians need to learn to operate with this same principle: Peace is the greater good!

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Romans 14:19

"Let us pursue the things which make for peace and the things by which one may edify another."

Romans 12:18

"If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men."

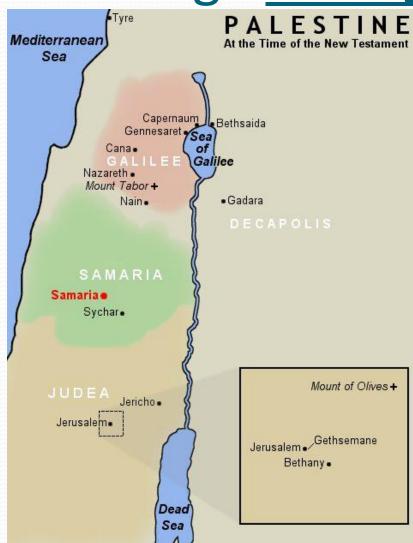
Jesus, in John 4, kept God's movement going by taking the high road or the back seat to keep Satan from wreaking havoc (we too have to take high roads)

Sometimes Christians have to defer their own goal's or committee's programs and initiatives that overlap with others for peace!

John 4:4

"Jesus needed to go through

Samaria"



Observations

- The Jews and Samaritans had a long standing national feud
- Samaritans were a "hybrid race" created when the Jews had been captured by the Assyrians. They intermarried and created a new ethnic group
- The Samaritans accepted the 1st five books of the Old Testament, but not the Prophets because it covered Jewish History, which Samaritans despised

Observations

- History says that in general, no Jew would ever pronounce the word "Samaritan" unless they did it in a derogatory manner
- In John 8:48, Jesus was called a "devil possessed Samaritan," by Jews but ignored the charge
- But Jesus didn't take the usual route of His birth race from Judea to Galilee

"he <u>had to go</u> through Samaria"

Jesus is not afraid of conflict to save You!



Acts 17:26

"And He has made from one blood every nation of men to dwell on all the face of the earth, and hath determined their pre-appointed times and the boundaries of their dwellings,"

One of the Greatest Problems That We Have Created As Human Beings is One We Can't Do Anything About:

OUR RACE!





- A love for the Samaritans made Jesus go through and not around Samaria
- God Wants to See Everyone Saved, Acts 10:34
- When that same love exist in us, it will allow us to witness for Christ whether we are in Samaria, Sweden, the Soviet Union, or Shelby County
- Be an "Intentional Christian"

- So Jesus arrives in Samaria, in a town called Sychar, near a piece of property where Jacob presented his son, Joseph, a tract of land
- He arrived there about noon and being, wearied, from His trip sat down next to the well (*Jesus was divine*, but also human)
- Jesus could raise the dead, heal the sick, but also could get thirsty, as he did here
- Jesus could cry because he felt like it, John 11:35.
- Jesus was human and can empathize with us, Hebrews 4:15-16

When Jesus Seemed Physically Most Unfit To Do His Father's Business, Opportunity Presents Itself

- Along with His weakness in this story was His omniscience
- Jesus was about to read the heart of this woman and give her an opportunity for Salvation
- Christians, some of the most teachable moments you may have may occur:

When you are tired and everybody else is too

When you are stressed and everybody else is too

When you are upset and everybody else is too

Indeed in Moments Like These, God Can Equip You To Be His Vessel Of Presence To Do His Best Work!

Observations

- Jesus is there by Himself, at a well. His disciples having gone to purchase food and this Samaritan woman shows up at the well to draw water
- Sometimes God will providentially arrange situations for us to get His message, if we would only listen
 It may be a conversation between a bushand and wife

It may be a conversation between a husband and wife It may be a conversation between a Christian brother or sister

It may be a conversation between a mother and a grown child

It may be a co-worker conversation (2 Kings 5)

Be Ready To Listen To God Reveal HIMSELF To You Through Many Of Life's Circumstances

Here in John 4, it was a simple conversation that Jesus had with a woman at a well that changed her life

The Plan of Salvation

Hear the Gospel Acts 15:7

Believe the Gospel Acts 15:7

Repent of Sins Acts 17:30

Confess Christ Acts 8:37

Be Baptized Acts 8:38