

THE WORK OF A SEEKING SAVIOUR

John 4: 1-39

INTRODUCTION:

In chapter three, we saw the way Jesus dealt with a good, moral, respectable man. In this chapter we will see Him deal with a sinful, immoral, woman. He came to seek and to save that which was lost, regardless of their social condition.

We have, in this chapter, an outstanding example of soul winning. It begins with the action of Jesus. Christ always seeks sinners, they do not seek Him.

Vs. 1-3 - The Lord's knowledge of the people's jealousy caused Him to dust off His feet and go elsewhere.

What a tragedy - Proverbs 6:34 Ephesians 4:30

Vs. 4+ 5 - Jesus going places: "...must needs go..." Refer vs. 9 - Prov. 11:30; Mt. 9:35-38

Vs. 6 - A WELL -

Vs. 7 - A WOMAN -

NOTE - The tactful approach of the winning Saviour:

- A. - A Friendly Request - courteously spoke about a common subject
- B. - The woman becomes desirous of Jesus' Gift - Vs. 15
- C. - He brings her to face to face with her sin - Vs. 16
- D. - She acknowledges her wrong 'being' and 'doing' - Vs. 17
- E. - She tries to change the subject. - Vs. 10-20
- F. - She learned of 'true worship' - Vs. 21-24
- G. - Her Conversion - - Vs. 28 - 30
 - 1) Not based on deeds or acts, but upon acceptance. Jesus revealed Himself when she believed the Scriptures.
 - 2) The evidence of conversion - going to a working world - went to work after she was saved - Vs. 30
 - 3) The result of her witnessing - Vs. 39-41
- H. - The indifference of Disciples to a needy world - their needs came first - Vs. 8
 - 1) wanted to postpone witnessing for 4 months - Vs. 35
 - 2) Indifference may cause bloody hands in judgment - Ezk. 3:18,19