

Sermon Notes – February 23, 2025

Crossing Over: Stepping Into the New

Week 4: Sight Seeing

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SCRIPTURE: John 4:28-30 NLT (Full Text: v. 1-42)

“²⁸ The woman left her water jar beside the well and ran back to the village, telling everyone, ²⁹ “Come and see a man who told me everything I ever did! Could he possibly be the Messiah?” ³⁰ So the people came streaming from the village to see him.”

1) JESUS SEES US

- Jesus had to go to the well, not for the water, but for her, and for us! (v.4)

-Jesus sees our NEED and comes to ENCOUNTER us where we are at!

2) SEEING THE TRUTH

- Jesus used the reason she had come to the well to draw her towards BELIEF in Him, and TRANSFORMATION in her.

Jesus wants us to see:

A) ... The Truth of Who He Is (v. 10-26, 28-30, 39)

- Living Water: We look to lots of other things to fill the voids in our lives, but He alone is the living water that can/will fill every void and give us meaning and purpose.

“¹⁰ Jesus replied, “If you only knew the gift God has for you and who you are speaking to, you would ask me, and I would give you living water”, “¹³ Jesus replied, “Anyone who drinks this water will soon become thirsty again. ¹⁴ But those who drink the water I give will never be thirsty again. It becomes a fresh, bubbling spring within them, giving them eternal life.” ¹⁵ “Please, sir,” the woman said, “give me this water! Then I’ll never be thirsty again, and I won’t have to come here to get water.” - John 4:10, 13-15

-Prophet: Jesus knows our past, but chooses to speak to, and call us into the truth of the future that He sees for us. (v. 16-24,39)

“¹⁶ “Go and get your husband,” Jesus told her. ¹⁷ “I don’t have a husband,” the woman replied. Jesus said, “You’re right! You don’t have a husband— ¹⁸ for you have had five

husbands, and you aren't even married to the man you're living with now. You certainly spoke the truth!" ¹⁹ "Sir," the woman said, "you must be a prophet." - John 4:16-19

- Messiah: Encountering Jesus allowed her heart and mind to start to believe that there could be hope, freedom, and transformation.

²⁵ The woman said, "I know the Messiah is coming—the one who is called Christ. When he comes, he will explain everything to us." ²⁶ Then Jesus told her, "I am the Messiah!" - John 4:25-26

B) ...The Truth of Who We Are in Him (v. 28-42)

-Meeting Jesus will cause us to change our focus, and realize WHO we really are, & WHAT we need the most.

-We are not our past, our worst moments or mistakes, or what others have labelled us as; we are who Jesus sees us as!

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-What do you need to leave beside the well?

3) COME AND SEE

-An Encounter with Jesus should lead to transformation in, and through, us!

³⁹ Many Samaritans from the village believed in Jesus because the woman had said, "He told me everything I ever did!" ⁴⁰ When they came out to see him, they begged him to stay in their village. So he stayed for two days, ⁴¹ long enough for many more to hear his message and believe. ⁴² Then they said to the woman, "Now we believe, not just because of what you told us, but because we have heard him ourselves. Now we know that he is indeed the Savior of the world." - John 4:39-42

- Question: Who are you meeting with and inviting to COME and SEE Jesus?

THINK ON IT

- 1) Will you schedule time to have a divine appointment with Jesus?
- 2) What do you need to leave at the well?
- 3) Are your actions and words saying, "Come and See Jesus" to others?