

MAINTAIN GOOD WORKS

TITUS 3:8

The Example of Jesus in Evangelism

- I. The Example of Jesus in Confrontation (John 4:1-9)
- A. Jesus was not afraid to confront the prejudices and errors of His day.
 - 1. Driving men from the Temple (John 2:13-17)
 - 2. Emphasizing the spiritual aspect of God's law (John 3:7-13)
 - 3. Interrupting the Feast of Tabernacles (John 7:37-39)
 - B. Thus, when travelling from Judea to Galilee, "He must needs go through Samaria."
 - 1. This was the quickest route from Judea to Galilee.
 - 2. Coming from Galilee to Jerusalem, the Jews often crossed the Jordan River and avoided Samaria (cf. Luke 9:51-53).
 - 3. However, Jesus also had a greater purpose in going through this region.
 - C. Though the Jews usually had "no dealings with the Samaritans," Jesus was willing to speak to a Samaritan woman.
 - 1. God's purpose must overcome man's prejudice (cf. Matthew 4:13-16; Luke 2:32).
 - 2. Man's need of salvation outweighs cultural bias (cf. Luke 19:10).
- II. The Example of Jesus in Compassion (John 4:5-15)
- A. Jesus showed compassion by opening the door of conversation.
 - B. Jesus showed compassion by offering salvation.
 - C. Jesus showed compassion by overlooking insult and hostility.
 - D. Jesus showed compassion by observing true, spiritual needs.
 - E. To follow the example of Jesus, we must have compassion for the lost.
- III. The Example of Jesus in Commitment (John 4:16-26)
- A. Jesus did not compromise the Truth in order to win the Samaritan woman.
 - B. He was committed to the truth about morality – concerning her marriage.
 - C. He was committed to the truth about worship – confronting her religion.
 - D. He was committed to the truth about salvation – confessing His deity.
 - E. To follow the example of Jesus, we must be committed to the Truth and unafraid to teach it to those who are lost. **It is their only hope of salvation!**
- IV. The Example of Jesus in Concern (John 4:27-42)
- A. Jesus was concerned with the example He set for His disciples.
 - B. Jesus was concerned for the lost souls in the city.
 - C. Jesus was concerned with carrying out His Father's commands.
 - D. Jesus was concerned about the Samaritans because He cares for all men.
 - E. Are we concerned about spiritual matters? About the lost?