

Teaching Notes

John 4:6-11 (Spirit & Truth)

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This is a follow-up series from Romans 8 (Reformed & Revived). We will learn the acceptable way God desires to be worshipped. We will examine verse by verse through the book of John, chapter 4.

John 4

23 But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. 24 God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth."

Today we will see why Jesus had to go through Samaria.

John 4:1-6

6 Jacob's well was there; so Jesus, wearied as he was from his journey, was sitting beside the well. It was about the sixth hour. 7 A woman from 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.) 9 The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a woman of Samaria?" (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.) 10 Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." 11 The woman said to him, "Sir, you have nothing to draw water with, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water?"

- **Sixth Hour** – What did it mean for the women to come to well at noon? This woman came during the heat of the day to get water.
- **For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans** – What it meant for Jesus go through Samaria?
The Samaritans were descendants of the Israelites of the northern kingdom who had intermarried with foreign settlers after the fall of Samaria. The Samaritans embraced a religion that was a mixture of Judaism and idolatry. The Samaritans received only the five books of Moses and rejected the writings of the prophets and all the Jewish traditions. Cf. 2 Kings 17:24-28; Ezra 4:2-11
Jesus travel north from Judea to Galilee through Samaria. Because of the hatred Jews had for Samaritans, most Jews took the longer route east of the River Jordan through Peraea.

Jesus is willing to be inconvenienced. This is a picture of walking in Spirit and truth.

Galatians 6:2 *Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.*

Romans 12:1-7

1 We who are strong have an obligation to bear with the failings of the weak, and not to please ourselves. 2 Let each of us please his neighbor for his good, to build him up. 3 For Christ did not please himself, but as it is written, "The reproaches of those who reproached you fell on me." 4 For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. 5 May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, 6 that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. 7 Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

The very people the Jews typically avoided, is the person that Jesus uses as an example to follow.

Luke 10:25-37

25 And behold, a lawyer stood up to put him to the test, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" 26 He said to him, "What is written in the Law? How do you read it?" 27 And he answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself." 28 And he said to him, "You have answered correctly; do this, and you will live."

29 But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" 30 Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him and departed, leaving him half dead. 31 Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. 32 So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. 33 But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion. 34 He went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he set him on his own animal and brought him to an inn and took care of him. 35 And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, 'Take care of him, and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.' 36 Which of these three, do you think, proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?" 37 He said, "The one who showed him mercy." And Jesus said to him, "You go, and do likewise."

Cf. Matthew 25:37-40

Being led by the Spirit and truth will help us be obedient in inconveniences. Look for opportunities this week to inconvenienced.