

A person with long hair, wearing a dark, textured coat, is shown from the back, looking out over a body of water. The scene is split vertically: the left side is in black and white, and the right side is in a warm, golden-brown color, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. The person's hair is dark and appears to be blowing in the wind. The water in the background is calm with some ripples.

THE GOSPEL OF

JOHN

THAT YOU MIGHT BELIEVE...

THE GREAT PURSUIT



SERIES FOCUS POINT

**That you might believe
Jesus is the Christ and by
believing have life in his
name.**



A SACRED WELL

4:1-42

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Breaks down race, religion and gender.

He is the eternal water springing up to eternal life.

People can be infused with God's eternal love, experienced now and into the future.

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<p>The purpose of the book: That you might <u>BELIEVE</u></p> <p>Jesus became: The <u>DIVINE</u> word God's <u>TABERNACLE</u> glory 1 true God = Father & <u>SON</u></p> <p>7 Titles of Jesus: 1. <u>THE SON OF MAN</u> 2. <u>JESUS OF NAZARETH</u> 3. <u>SON OF GOD</u> 4. <u>MESSIAH</u> 5. <u>RABBI</u> 6. <u>KING OF ISRAEL</u> 7. <u>LAMB OF GOD</u></p> <p>Four Jewish Institutions: 1. Wedding 2. The Temple 3. A Rabbi 4. A Sacred Well</p> <p>Four Jewish Feasts: 1. Sabbath 2. Passover 3. Tabernacles 4. Hanukkah</p>	<p>You must choose if you <u>BELIEVE</u> Jesus' claim.</p> <p>WEDDING 2:1-12 Jesus turns water into wine. Jesus' 1st <u>SIGN</u> Isaiah 25:6 <i>The Lord of Hosts will make a feast of rich food and well-aged wine, for his peoples...</i> Reveals <u>GENEROSITY</u> of God's Kingdom.</p> <p>A RABBI 3:1-12 Nicodemus, a ruling teacher comes to speak with Jesus. Jesus cuts to the heart of the discussion. <i>You must be BORN again.</i> <i>All FLESH is caught in the web of sin.</i> <i>Salvation comes simply by BELIEVING in Him.</i></p>	<p>THE TEMPLE 2:12-25 Jesus drives out money changers. When asked with what authority he does this, Jesus says... <i>Destroy this temple & I'll raise it again in three.</i> Jesus' death is where heaven and earth <u>MEET</u>. He's the reality to which the temple <u>POINTS</u>.</p> <p>A SACRED WELL 4:1-42 Jesus talks to a Samaritan woman. Breaks down race, religion and <u>GENDER</u>. He is the eternal water <u>SPRINGING</u> up to eternal life. People can be infused with God's eternal love, experienced now and into the <u>FUTURE</u>.</p>	<p>SABBATH 5:1-47 Jesus heals a crippled man by telling him to take up his mat & walk. The man is not working, but the <u>FATHER</u> is. Jesus is <u>ALSO</u> working. Jesus is making Himself <u>EQUAL</u> with God.</p> <p>Celebrate the Sabbath in the desert wilderness. Jesus leads by fire & cloud & provided water to drink. Jesus says, <i>I am the light of the world.</i> God's <u>ILLUMINATING</u> presence. <i>If anyone is thirsty, come to me and drink.</i> God's life-saving <u>GIFT</u>.</p>	<p>PASSOVER Jesus feeds 5,000 with fish and bread. When people ask me, He says that the <u>HEAVENLY</u> bread. You must <u>EAT</u> Him (bread) and drink <u>BLOOD</u> (wine) to have eternal life.</p> <p><i>...me apart. <u>ONE</u>.</i> <i>I and the Father <u>ONE</u>.</i> The religious leaders so angry they would kill Jesus and so leaves Jerusalem.</p>





How Jesus pursued her.



we should pursue others



FOCUS POINT

Our pursuit of the lost should mirror Christ's pursuit of us.



1. Engaged Personally

Jesus broke down all the cultural taboos.

Jews have no dealings with Samaritans. v.9



JESUS' MINISTRY



1. Engaged Personally

Pushed past her ethnicity.

The Assyrians settled into this area and the Jews mixed Assyrian culture with their own.



1. Engaged Personally

Pushed past her gender.

**Rabbis did not initiate
conversations with
women, especially
Samaritan women.**



1. Engaged Personally

Pushed past her religiosity.

**Built their own temple on
Mt. Gerizim in 400 B.C.**

**Only the Pentateuch was
considered cannon.**



1. Engaged Personally

Pushed past her race.

**He is willing to drink from
the same cup that she, a
Samaritan, drank from.**



1. Engaged Personally

Are there any people groups we would not be willing to passionately *pursue* with the Gospel?



1. Engaged Personally

Jesus used his own need as an avenue to share the truth with the woman.

His thirst was used as opportunity.



1. Engaged Personally

Jesus connected the situation to himself by stating that he is the living water.



1. Engaged Personally

**Are you offering
something besides
Jesus?**



2. Challenged Spiritually

Jesus operated in the supernatural.

You have had five husbands, the one you have now is not your husband. v.17



2. Challenged Spiritually

**Sending of the 12 & 72
was to preach AND heal
the sick, cast out
demons.**

**Acts 40 miracles, 39
outside of the church.**



2. Challenged Spiritually

Jesus refocused her theology.

The Father is seeking to enable people to worship Him correctly.



3. Assigned Responsibility

Jesus refocused the disciples on his true purpose.



3. Assigned Responsibility

**He challenged them to
see the harvest is ripe.
(v.35)**

**The Samaritans ARE the
harvest! (v.30)**



Conclusion

What is the main focus of your life?

What percentage of your time, energy, efforts and resources is dedicated to reaching/ disciplining the lost?





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