

AN IN-CREDIBLE WITNESS

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JESUS IS ON TRIAL IN THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

IS JESUS THE ONE?

JOHN THE BAPTIST WAS THE FIRST WITNESS

"I have seen and I testify that this is God's Chosen One."
John 1:34

JOHN PUTS AN UNLIKELY PERSON ON THE STAND

- SHE'S A SAMARITAN
- SHE'S A SHE
- SHE HAS BAGGAGE

JOHN 4:4-42

¹⁸ *No one has ever seen God, but the One and Only, who is at the Father's side has made him known.*
John 1:18

WHAT DOES THIS TESTIMONY REVEAL?

JESUS LEVELS THE WALLS OF DIVISION

- GEOGRAPHIC BARRIERS
- CULTURAL NORMS
- ETHNIC PREJUDICES
- RELIGIOUS DISPUTES

So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ

Jesus. ²⁹ *If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.* Galatians 3:26-28

JESUS ELEVATES THE PLACE OF WOMEN

- THE "SAMARITAN WOMAN" BRINGS THE GOSPEL TO HER COMMUNITY
- THIS IS A PATTERN THROUGHOUT HIS MINISTRY
- THIS HAS HAPPENED THROUGHOUT HISTORY

JESUS IS ON A MISSION

- NECESSITY WAS DRIVEN BY PURPOSE

Now he had to go through Samaria John 4:4

- TO ADDRESS THE LONGINGS OF PEOPLE'S HEARTS

²⁵ *The woman said, "I know that Messiah" (called Christ) "is coming. When he comes, he will explain everything to us."*

²⁶ *Then Jesus declared, "I, the one speaking to you—I am he."* John 4:25-26

- BEING NOURISHED BY FULFILLING HIS CALLING

My food is to do the will of the one who sent me and to finish his work. John 4:34

- TO SAVE THE WORLD

"We no longer believe just because of what you said; now we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this man really is the Savior of the world." John 4:42

- THE OFFER, "LIVING WATER, WELLING UP TO ETERNAL LIFE," IS RADICALLY INCLUSIVE

- THE TERMS ARE RADICALLY EXCLUSIVE

"God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth." John 4:24