

Lesson 6 **The Conversation with the Samaritan Woman**

Objective: To learn that we must not look down on people who are different because Jesus Loves them and wants to give them “living water” (new life).

Background: After spending several months in Judea, Jesus decided to return to Galilee where He grew up. Strangely, Jesus went “by way of Samaria”. It was the quickest way from Judea to Galilee (see the map), yet the Jews avoided the route because they hated and despised (looked down upon) the Samaritans because they were of a different race.

Instruction: Please read the conversation between Jesus and the Samaritan woman found in John 4:1-42 as if you were right there. Locate Jesus' trip on a map.

Let's Think:

1. Was the Samaritan woman surprised when Jesus asked for a drink? Why? (Draw a picture of her face). Did Jesus look down on her because she was different? (John 4:7-9)
Remember, the Jews looked down on the Samaritans and the men looked down on women in Jesus' time. For example, no Jewish rabbi (teacher) would even say “Hello” to a woman in a public place, and Jesus was a teacher.

2. Why was the Samaritan woman puzzled when Jesus said that He had “living water” to give? Did she Understand that Jesus compared the “new Life” which the believer would receive to “living water”? (John 4:10-12)

3. Why did the Samaritan woman all of a sudden want the “living water”? How is the “living water” Jesus gives better than the water from the well? (John 4: 13-15)

4. When the Samaritan woman went back to her town what did she have: the “living water” (new life) Or the water from the well? Explain (John 4:28) Draw a picture of her face.

5. With whom did the Samaritan woman share the Good News after she met Jesus and found out that He was the Messiah (John 4:25,26)? What did she do? (John 4: 28-29)

6. How do you know that Jesus loved the Samaritans? And what happened when Jesus cared? Explain (John 4:39-42)

Do you like to make fun of people or bully and look down on them because they are different or ugly or poor or crippled? Would those people believe in Jesus if they knew that you are a Christian (believer) and yet you bully and look down on them? Why? Think!!

Let's Remember: Jesus (God) desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of truth.
(1Timothy 2:4)

Lesson 7 **The Call of the First Disciples**

Objective: To learn that to be "fishers of men" (winning people for Jesus), we must be obedient to Jesus.

Background: After a brief and fruitful ministry in Samaria, Jesus returned to Galilee where He did most of His ministry. He began to gather around Him a group of disciples (A disciple is a learner or follower). As the number of disciples increased, Jesus chose twelve of them and called them apostles (An apostle is a sent one). His plan was to disciple and train this small group of men so that they will become "disciple-makers" and carry on His work.

Instruction: Read John 4:14-54, Luke 4:16-30, Mark 1:14-20 at least twice.

Let's Think:

1. a) When did Jesus begin His ministry in Galilee? (For John's story read Mk. 6:14-29)
b) And how did He begin His ministry? Explain (Mk. 1:14,15)
2. a) Where did Jesus call the first disciples? (Locate on a map) Who were they?
Did Jesus call them because they had nothing to do? Explain
b) How did the men respond to Jesus' call? Was Jesus a "stranger" to them then? Explain.
Read John 1:35-42 (The two disciples in vs. 35,37 are Andrew and John)
3. a) What do you know about the men whom Jesus called? Were they "leaders and V.I.P" whom people look up to? Read carefully Mk. 1:16,19 and Acts 4:13 (p.300)
b) Why did Jesus call men to "follow" Him? Explain. How can we "follow" Him today?
4. a) Who were the twelve apostles whom Jesus appointed later on? Read Lk. 6:12-16
Please list their names.
b) Does Mk. 3:13-14 tell us why Jesus chose this small group of men?
What will be their privilege and responsibility? Explain
5. Read each statement carefully before answering "T" (True) or "F" (False) .
 - a) ___ Every Believer (Christian) is called to be a disciple of Jesus.
 - b) ___ Obedience to Jesus' word (the Bible) is the mark of a true disciple.
 - c) ___ Winning people for Jesus is a privilege and responsibility of each believer.
6. a) Jesus is calling you to follow Him today. What is your response? Be honest.
b) What evidence do you have that you are following Jesus?

Let's Remember: And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you become fishers of

men." And immediately they left their nets and follow Jesus. (Mark 1117-18)

The Earthly Life of Jesus

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Lesson 8 **The Beginning of Popularity**

Objective: To learn that to spend time alone with God daily, in prayer and in reading His Word, enables us to keep our priority straight.

Background: The Sabbath day, a weekly holiday begins 6 p.m. Friday and ends 6 p.m. Saturday, was a day of rest and the Jews were forbidden to work. They attended Synagogue service where they received religious teachings and instructions. Jesus was often invited to teach because there was no permanent teacher in the Synagogues. The teachings of the Scribes, the Jewish teachers, were dull. For their teachings were nothing but quoting the words of teachers who were already dead.

Instruction: Read over carefully Mark 1,21-39,40-45 a few times first.

Let's Think: **Imagine** yourself following Jesus through one day.

1. **Scene 1** - Saturday morning (Sabbath day) in the Synagogue of Capernaum (Mk.1,21-28).
 - a) Why were the people amazed at the teaching of Jesus, the new teacher? Explain.
 - b) Why did the evil spirit cry out? (Read also I John 3,8, p.578) What happened when Jesus told him to leave the man? And why were the people amazed again?
2. **Scene 2** - Saturday noon (Sabbath day) at Peter and Andrew's house (Mk.1,29-31).
 - a) How did Jesus learn that Peter's mother-in-law was sick? What was wrong with her? Had Jesus healed her? Give evidence.
3. **Scene 3** - Saturday evening in front of Peter's house (Mk.1:32-34).
 - a) How did the crowd hear about Jesus? What did they come to Jesus for? And why did they wait until evening? (Read also John 5:-10, p.238)
 - b) Had Jesus met their needs? Explain
4. **Scene 4** - Where do you find Jesus in this scene? (Mk.1:35-38)
 - a) Why was Jesus up so early? Where were the rest of the people? (v.35)
 - b) Why did He decide to leave the area? Was He no longer welcomed? (also Lk.4,42)
5. **Observation** - Look back the day and explain:
 - a) How did Jesus become "popular"? Was He seeking to be "popular and famous"?
 - b) Was Jesus carried away by activity and popularity that He forgot the purpose (goal) of His mission? What was His priority? And how did He keep it straight?
6. **Lessons** - Think over the experiences of the day and tell in your words,
 - a) What impress you most about Jesus?
 - b) What do you learn from Jesus about priority, about spending time alone with God? Is there a change that you would like to make? How? Write it down.

Let's Remember: But Jesus withdrew to the wilderness and prayed. (Luke 5:16)

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Lesson 9 **The Beginning Of Opposition**

Objective: To learn that true disciples of Jesus are "non-conformists" (which means one who does not "go along with the crowd")

Background: As the popularity of Jesus increased, the opposition to His ministry began to set in. To Jewish religious leaders (the scribes and the Pharisees), Jesus was a dangerous person because His words and deeds did not conform to the "established" religion, custom, and value of the day.

Instruction: Read carefully Mark 2:11-22; John 5:11-18; Mark 2:23-3:6 as if you are examining the cause of opposition to Jesus' ministry.

Let's Think: Examine carefully the following "sample" incidents.

Incident 1. Read Mark 2:11-12

- a. What was Jesus doing when the paralyzed man was brought to Him? Explain. Was He upset when the man interrupted His work? Give evidence to your answer.
- b. Who got offended when Jesus forgave the sins of the paralyzed man? Why?
- c. How did Jesus prove that He really has authority to forgive sins? Explain (8-12)

Incident 2. read Mark 2:13-17 and also Luke 5:27-32

Remember no Jew wanted to be friends with tax-collectors because they collected taxes for the hateful Romans and often collected more than they should, Lk. 3:12-13; 19:12-13.

- a. Who was Levi, the new disciple of Jesus? How did he introduce Jesus to his friends? (Levi is also called Matthew. He is the author of the Gospel of Matthew.)
- b. Who got offended by Jesus' behavior? What was their criticism? Explain
- c. How did Jesus defend His behavior? Tell in your own words what Jesus meant. (17)

Incident 3. Mark 3:1-6 (after Jesus returned from a feast in Jerusalem, John 5:1-18)

Remember the Jewish law forbids any type of work on the Sabbath including healing.

- a. Did Jesus know He would be "in trouble" if He healed the man with the crippled hand?
- b. Why was Jesus not afraid to heal the man? Give His reason. (4)
- c. Who got offended when Jesus healed the man? What did they do? (6)

Summary. Based on your examination how would you answer those who ask:

- a. Did opposition to Jesus come from common people? Give evidence to your answer.
- b. Which is more important to Jesus: people or custom-regulation? Give an example.
- c. Did Jesus "go along with the crowd" in his thinking and practice? Give an example.

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- a. What new lesson have you learned about Jesus as the result of this examination?
Be specific. (*follow*)
- b. Is there an example Jesus set for you that you should pattern after? Be specific.

Let's remember: Jesus said to them, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick; I came not to call the righteous but sinners." (Mark 2:17)

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Lesson 10 **The Sermon on the Mount (I)**

Objective: To learn that the chief aim of the Christian life is to please and to glorify our Father in heaven.

Background: One day, after spent all night in prayer to God, Jesus chose twelve disciples (Luke 6, 12-16) and began to train them so that they will become "disciple makers." The so called "**The Sermon on the Mount**" found in Matthew chapters 5-7 was the teaching of Jesus given for that purpose.

Instruction: Ask the Lord Jesus to speak to you as you study Matthew chapter 5. Read the chapter over three times before you do the lesson. Always read the verses given at the end of the question before you answer the question.

Let's Think: **Imagine** you are one of the disciples listening to Jesus that day.

Jesus begins by showing what kind of people the believers must be as the children of God and the citizens of His Kingdom.

1. In verses 7 and 9, Jesus says that believers must be **kind to others** (merciful) and are "**peace maker.**" Are you? When your friends at school think of you, do they think of you a friend who is kind, honest, a real Christian? Think about it.
2. Jesus says that believers are "**salt**" (which means to prevent things from turning bad) (13). Are you "salt" if you use cheap, unclean words, do bad thing, tell white lies and black lies, disrespect of teachers,...? Are you "salt" in your school?
3. Jesus says that believers are the "**light**" of the world. (14-16) What is light for? Think of ways you may shine as light for Jesus. For example, can a "moody" or a "selfish" Christian shine as light for Jesus? Why?
4. Is there any relation between "**anger in heart**" and "**anger in deed**" (such as hurting others)? Which do men see? and which does God see? Explain
Does Jesus says it is "O.K." to be angry in heart? Explain (21-22)
5. Should you try to "get even" with those who wrong you? (38-39) Will you solve the problem by getting even with them? Why?
What does Jesus want you to do if your friends put you down and are nasty to you **because you belong to Jesus**? Should you be angry at them? Should you get even with them? (Read also vs. 11-12, 38-39, 43-48)
6. Is your light shinning? Is it shinning in the things you say and do, so that **your friends are drawn to the Light, the Lord Jesus**? What is the Lord Jesus speaking to you through this lesson? Write it down

in your own words.

Let's Remember: "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven." (Matthew 5:16)