

“The Bad Samaritan”

John 4:1-30

INTRODUCTION: John moves from demonstrating a religious man's need for salvation (John 3) to a sinful woman's need for salvation (John 4).

***How did Jesus address the need of this lost woman?
What was His approach and the content of His message?***

In order to evangelize the lost, our Savior did the following:

- I. **He overcame weariness (v. 6; cp. v. 31-35)**
(Jesus did not allow fatigue to stop Him from spreading the Gospel)

- II. **He built a bridge (v. 7-9; cp. v. 27)**
(Jesus was willing to establish rapport by overcoming religious and cultural prejudice and other hindrances)

- III. **He seized an open door (v. 10-15)**
(Jesus sought the opportunity to turn an "earthly" [natural] conversation into a "heavenly" [spiritual] conversation)

- IV. **He exposed the fact of sin (v. 16-18)**
(Jesus showed the woman her need for salvation)

- V. **He taught essential doctrine (v. 19-24)**
(Jesus corrected the woman's spiritual misunderstanding and instructed her in Biblical truth)

- VI. **He pointed people to Himself (v. 14, 25-26)**
(Jesus showed Himself to be the source of salvation - John 14:6)