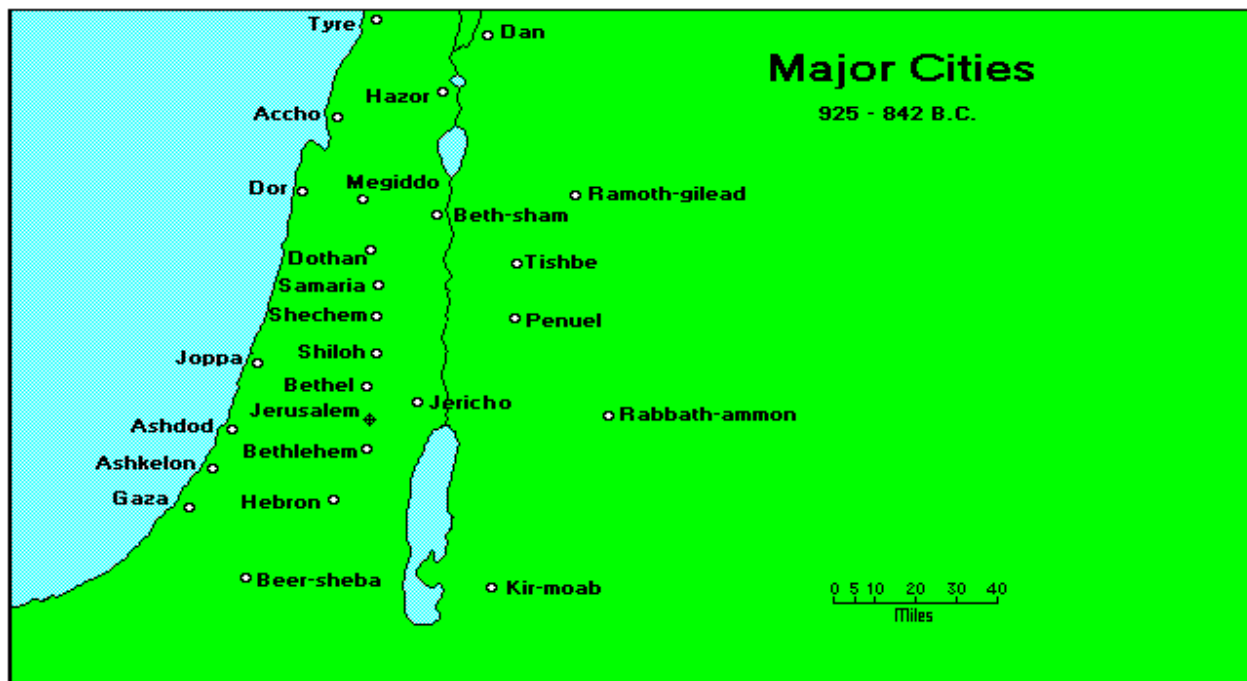


The Gospel According to John

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1. Last week I completed a study of Jesus' encounter with the Samaritan lady at Sychar found in Joh 4:4-28.
2. Before we return to the departure of Jesus from Samaria, I want to give you opportunity to use 1Jo 1:9 as may or may not be necessary.
3. Let's begin by looking at the NIV translation of Joh 4:4-28.



Joh 4:4 Now he had to go through Samaria.

Joh 4:5 So he came to a town in Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of ground Jacob had given to his son Joseph.

Joh 4:6 Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired as he was from the journey, sat down by the well. It was about the sixth hour.

Joh 4:7 When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, "Will you give me a drink?"

Joh 4:8 (His disciples had gone into the town to buy food.)

Joh 4:9 The Samaritan woman said to him, "You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink?" (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans.)

Joh 4:10 Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water."

Joh 4:11 "Sir," the woman said, "you have nothing to draw with and the well is deep. Where can you get this living water?"

Joh 4:12 Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did also his sons and his flocks and herds?"

Joh 4:13 Jesus answered, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again,

Joh 4:14 but whoever drinks the water I give him will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life."

Joh 4:15 The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water so that I won't get thirsty and have to keep coming here to draw water."

Joh 4:16 He told her, "Go, call your husband and come back."

Joh 4:17 "I have no husband," she replied. Jesus said to her, "You are right when you say you have no husband.

Joh 4:18 The fact is, you have had five husbands, and the man you now have is not your husband. What you have just said is quite true."

Joh 4:19 "Sir," the woman said, "I can see that you are a prophet.

Joh 4:20 Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but you Jews claim that the place where we must worship is in Jerusalem."

Joh 4:21 Jesus declared, "Believe me, woman, a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem.

Joh 4:22 You Samaritans worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know, for salvation is from the Jews.

Joh 4:23 Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks.

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

Joh 4:25 The woman said, "I know that Messiah" (called Christ) "is coming. When he comes, he will explain everything to us."

Joh 4:26 Then Jesus declared, "I who speak to you am he."

Joh 4:27 Just then his disciples returned and were surprised to find him talking with a woman. But no one asked, "What do you want?" or "Why are you talking with her?"

Joh 4:28 Then, leaving her water jar, the woman went back to the town and said to the people,

4. It is here the Samaritan lady declared "is this not the Christ"?

Joh 4:29 Come, see a man, which told me all things that ever I did: is not this the Christ?

5. Last week we looked at several Scriptures where Christ Himself declared He was the Christ and Son of God.

Joh 5:18 Therefore the Jews sought the more to kill him, because he not only had broken the sabbath, **but said also that God was his Father, making himself equal with God.**

Joh 9:35 Jesus heard that they had cast him out; and when he had found him, he said unto him, **Dost thou believe on the Son of God?**

Joh 9:36 **He answered and said, Who is he, Lord, that I might believe on him?**

Joh 9:37 And Jesus said unto him, **Thou hast both seen him, and it is he that talketh with thee.**

Joh 9:38 And he said, Lord, I believe. And he worshipped him.

Joh 10:33 "We are not stoning you for any of these things," replied the Jews, "but for blasphemy, because you, a mere man, claim to be God.

Joh 10:34 Jesus answered them, "Is it not written in your Law, 'I have said you are gods'?"

Joh 10:35 If he called them gods, unto whom the word of God came, and the scripture cannot be broken;

Joh 10:36 what about the one whom the Father set apart as his very own and sent into the world? **Why then do you accuse me of blasphemy because I said, 'I am God's Son'?**

Joh 10:37 Do not believe me unless I do what my Father does.

Joh 10:38 But if I do it, even though you do not believe me, believe the miracles, that you may know and understand that the Father is in me, and I in the Father."

Joh 5:22 Moreover, **the Father judges no one, but has entrusted all judgment to the Son,**

Joh 5:23 that all may honor the Son just as they honor the Father. He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father, who sent him.

Joh 5:24 "I tell you the truth, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be condemned; he has crossed over from death to life.

Joh 5:25 I tell you the truth, a time is coming and has now come when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God and those who hear will live.

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Luk 24:27 And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, **Jesus expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself.**

Luk 24:44 And **Jesus said** unto them, "These are the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that **all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning me.**"

Joh 5:39 "**Search the scriptures;** for in them you think you have eternal life: and they are **they which testify of me ...**

Joh 5:46 For had you had believed Moses, you would have believed me; for Moses wrote of me."

Joh 5:47 But if ye believe not his writings, how shall you believe my words?"

Luk 4:20 And after reading Isa 61:1-2 in part Jesus closed the book, and he gave it again to the minister, and sat down. And the eyes of all them that were in the synagogue were fastened on him.

Luk 4:21 And then **Jesus said to them, "This day is Isa 61:1-2 fulfilled in your ears."**

6. Jesus leaves Sychar and on the way out of the city he encounters His disciples who have returned with food for Christ.

Joh 4:30 Then they went out of the city, and came unto him.

Joh 4:31 In the mean while his disciples prayed him, saying, Master, eat.

Joh 4:32 But he said unto them, I have meat to eat that ye know not of.

Joh 4:33 Therefore said the disciples one to another, Hath any man brought him ought to eat?

Joh 4:34 Jesus saith unto them, My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work.

Joh 4:35 Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest.

Joh 4:36 And he that reapeth receiveth wages, and gathereth fruit unto life eternal: that both he that soweth and he that reapeth may rejoice together.

Joh 4:37 And herein is that saying true, One soweth, and another reapeth.

Joh 4:38 I sent you to reap that whereon ye bestowed no labour: other men laboured, and ye are entered into their labours.

Joh 4:39 And many of the Samaritans of that city believed on him for the saying of the woman, which testified, He told me all that ever I did.

Joh 4:40 So when the Samaritans were come unto him, they besought him that he would tarry with them: and he abode there two days.

Joh 4:41 And many more believed because of his own word;

Joh 4:42 And said unto the woman, Now we believe, not because of thy saying: for we have heard him ourselves, and know that this is indeed the Christ, the Saviour of the world.

Comment: The best way to teach Joh 4:30-41 is to review the *Doctrine of Witnessing*.

1. Witnessing is the responsibility of every believer.
2. Witnessing is the normal exhale of doctrine inhaled.
3. Witnessing will be effective regardless of the motivation of the one witnessing.
4. The power is in the Word.

Rom 10:17 So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

Isa 55:11 So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.

5. The convincing of sin, righteousness and judgment is the responsibility of God the Holy Spirit.

Joh 16:7 Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you.

Joh 16:8 And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment:

Joh 16:9 Of sin, because they believe not on me;

Joh 16:10 Of righteousness, because I go to my Father, and ye see me no more;

Joh 16:11 Of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged.

6. Some false concepts of witnessing:

6.1 Assuming the lost will not be saved if we do not witness

6.2 Assuming you are spiritual because you witness

6.3 Assuming you are spiritual because you witness "effectively"

6.4 Assuming you must ask people to accept Christ in your presence

6.5 Assuming God is not using you if God does not lead you to a "target"

7. God will make certain every believer gets the gospel.

Tit 2:11 For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men,

Joh 1:9 That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world.

Rom 1:21 Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened ...

Rom 1:28 And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient;

7.1 We can therefore relax and enjoy the privilege of witnessing.

8. We should witness simply because God said to do it.

Acts 1:8 But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

9. Let's look at a few nuances of witnessing.

9.1 As a general rule, every believer is responsible for presenting the gospel to a lost and dying world--this is called "personal evangelism." Believers are also responsible for supporting world-wide evangelism--this we do by giving to people or organizations with mass evangelism programs.

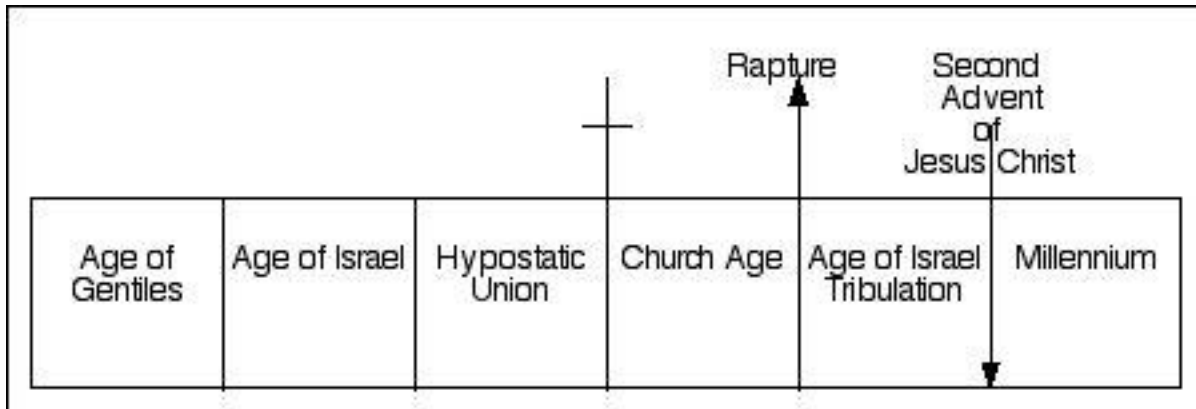
9.2 The family plan:

9.2.1 The first parents set the example for all future parents by witnessing to their children.

9.2.2 The family plan of evangelism continued up and through the time of Noah and it is our job today as parents and grandparents to witness to members of our families.

10. Evangelism in each of the respective ages has its nuances.

10.1 First, let's look at our simple dispensation chart and then we will note several important differences in the respective dispensations.



10.1.1 Age of the Gentiles—This age can be divided into three sub-ages: innocence, fall and flood. In this age the family plan was the most important method of evangelism, even as it is today.

10.1.2 God also appeared directly to people in this first age; it was up to them to respond positively or negatively.

Gen 3:21 Unto **Adam** also and to his wife did the LORD God make coats of skins, and clothed them.

Gen 3:22 And the LORD God said, Behold, the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil: and now, lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live forever:

Gen 3:23 Therefore the LORD God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from whence he was taken.

Gen 3:24 So he drove out the man; and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden Cherubims, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life.

End Lesson

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