

1 **Supernatural Harvesting**

John 4:1-42

(Ps Demi – 5/5/13)

2 **The 'Samaritan' 'Woman'**

- ▶ Samaritans – apostate mixed race Jews?
- ▶ Three barriers – Samaritan, woman, adultery (v9)
- ▶ Spiritually ignorant but with an 'attitude' – (v9,11-12)
- ▶ Deep spiritual hunger/thirst behind the screen (v19-20, 25)
- ▶ Deeply impacted by the fact that God knew about her (because of the Word of Knowledge Jesus gave to her (v19, 28-29)
- ▶ Used her influence to bring others to Jesus – Passionate about sharing her discovery! (v39,42)
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3 **The Disciples**

- ▶ As biased against the Samaritans as any other Jew and will not associate with them
- ▶ Strong bias against 'women' – (v 27)
- ▶ Their priority ranked the physical before the spiritual – (v 31, 33) (cf: Deut 8:3, Matt 4:4)
- ▶ Their theology/traditions were challenged/blown by Jesus in preparation for their role as harvesters – (v34-38) (cf: Acts 1:8, 8:4-25)
- ▶ They saw first hand how laying down the traditions of men (that make the word of God of no effect) and putting the kingdom first are important to bring in a great harvest – (v39-42)

4 **Jesus, the Messiah**

- ▶ Right attitude, not bound by traditions of men – (v7)
- ▶ Right theology – (v21-24)
- ▶ Right priority – spirit b4 flesh (v1-9, 31-34, 39-41)
- ▶ Jesus confronted but did not condemn – (v16-18)
- ▶ Jesus answered her questions but kept the encounter on the spiritual level so as to minister to the spirit man – (v10, 13, 23-24)
- ▶ Jesus pulled on the gift of the spirit (word of knowledge) in order to minister to her – (v17-18)
- ▶ Jesus was obliging – stayed 2 days (v40-41)

5 **Jesus, the Messiah**

- ▶ He showed the disciples how to be 'Supernatural Harvesters' and to fulfil 'the Great Commission'
- ▶ 1. Right priority – spirit b4 flesh, kingdom first

- ▶ 2. Right attitude – no traditions of men, no condemnation and no arguments but keep encounters spiritual
- ▶ 3. Right theology – worshippers in Spirit & truth
- ▶ 4. Depend on the Holy Spirit for insight into the harvest and empowerment/tools (gifts of the Spirit) to bring in the harvest – (v35-38, Luke 24:48-49, Acts 1:8) (cf: Jesus Acts 10:38)
- ▶ 5. Focus on the harvest (souls) – (v36-38)

6 **The Result**

- ▶ Pentecost – Acts 2:
- ▶ The Great Commission fulfilled – Judea (Acts 10:37, 1Peter 4:6), Samaritans reached for Jesus (Acts 8:4-25) and all the nations
- ▶ The gospel was taken to all the world using the principles of Supernatural Harvesting – (1Cor 2:4, 4:20; 1Thes 1:5 - Paul)
- ▶ The promise is for all whom the Lord will call – Acts 2:39