

Crossing Barriers in Winning Souls to Christ

INTRODUCTION:

A. **John 4:3-26**

B. Background of Samaritan Race

FOUR BARRIERS JESUS CROSSED TO WIN A SOUL

A. He Crossed **RACIAL** Barrier.

1. She was a Samaritan.
2. He was Jewish by birth.
3. **John 4:9** – “Then the woman of Samaria said to Him, ‘How is it that You, being a Jew, ask a drink from me, a Samaritan woman?’ For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.”

B. He Crossed **CULTURAL** and **SOCIETAL** Barriers.

1. He crossed well defined lines which prohibited a man talking publicly with a woman.
2. **John 4:27** – “His disciples came, and they marveled that He talked with a woman; yet no one said, “What do You seek?” or, “Why are You talking with her?”

C. He Crossed **RELIGIOUS** Barriers.

1. He crossed well marked religious lines between Jews and Samaritans.
2. **John 4:20** – “Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, and you Jews say that in Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship.”
3. That would have been Mount Gerizim across from Mount Ebal.
 - a. 2800 feet above sea level . . . near Shechem.
 - b. Joshua 8:30-35 – Joshua read the words of the Law.
 - c. Half of the tribes stood on Mount Gerizim and the remaining six tribes on Mount Ebal.

D. He Crossed a **MORAL** Barrier.

- a. Jesus was the immaculate Son of God and she was a sinful woman with a shameful past.
- b. **John 4:16-19** – “Jesus said to her, “Go, call your husband, and come here.”
17 The woman answered and said, “I have no husband.” Jesus said to her, “You have well said, ‘I have no husband,’
18 for you have had five husbands, and the one whom you now have is not your husband; in that you spoke truly.”
19 The woman said to Him, “Sir, I perceive that You are a prophet.”

CONCLUSION:

- A. No barrier should keep us from seeking the salvation of a lost soul.
- B. God’s Plan for Man’s Salvation