

# **JESUS TEACHES A LESSON ON PERSON EVANGELISM**

## **John 4:1-42**

### Introduction:

1. Jesus a qualified teacher – he won souls – **John 4:1**
2. The working servant can expect opposition – **John 4:1-3**

### **1. CONTACT PEOPLE SOCIALLY – John 4:4-7 a**

1. Text:
  - 1) Unusual to talk with a woman in public
  - 2) Especially unusual to talk with a Samaritan woman
  - 3) And especially with a woman of her moral reputation
2. Realize that every non-Christian is a prospect for receiving Christ.
  - 1) Wherever you find yourself, tell the “good news.”
3. Jesus never met a person he was not interested in – **John 4:7 a**
  - 1) Zaccahaeus, Simon the Pharisee, Matthew the publican

### **2. ESTABLISH A COMMON INTEREST – John 4:7-8**

1. Illustration: How to Win Friends and Influence People, Dale Carnegie.  
Making friends – **Prov. 18:24**
2. Illustration: A Christian showed interest in a neighbor’s flowers.
3. Jesus and the woman both needed water – **John 4:7-9**.  
Jews often spoke of the thirst of the soul for God.

### **3. AROUSE INTEREST – John 4:9-15**

1. Jesus interested the woman in living water – **John 4:10-15**
  - 1) **Rev. 7:17** Lamb to lead to fountains of living water.
  - 2) **Rev. 22:17** - Let him that is a thirst come.
  - 3) Traveling bands (groups) usually had leather buckets with them.
2. Jesus teased her into asking a question – **John 4:11**
  - 1) He aroused her interest by his comments on the living water he had. It was worded in a way that was relevant to her physical needs.
3. He captured her interest with his knowledge of her previous life – **John 4:16-18**.

### **4. DON’T GO TOO FAST – John 4:14-19**

1. Jesus didn’t give the whole story at once. (He didn’t start out saying, “I am the Messiah!”)
  - 1) The woman said, “I perceive you are a prophet.”
2. Jesus kept her curious and gave her information she was ready for.
  - 1) After convinced that he was perhaps a prophet– he revealed the whole truth. No need to teach the **meat** when a person needs **milk**.

**5. DON'T CONDEMN – John 4:14-19**

1. Jesus didn't condemn her – he answered her.
  - 1) She already knew she was a sinner (that is probably the reason why she was at the well at this time of day, avoiding the other women.)
2. Her sins itself condemned her.
  - 1) Jesus has compassion on sinners. But he expects sinners to make things right.
  - 2) His words to the woman taken in adultery, "Go and sin no more."

**6. STICK WITH THE MAIN ISSUES – John 4:20-26**

1. The Lord didn't let secondary issues side track him.
  - 1) She wanted to argue over the place of worship. His answer was brief.
  - 2) The subject was important but he spent just enough time to correct her misunderstanding – [John 4:23-24](#).
2. Jesus steered the discussion back to Himself (the Messiah) – [John 4:24-26](#).
  - 1) We believe that only the skeleton of the discussion is preserved.

**7. CONFRONT THE PROSPECT – John 4:26**

1. Now, what is your reaction?
2. We must be either for or against Him – [Matthew 12:30](#)
  - a) A person may be un-informed
  - b) A person may be informed but not obeyed yet–
3. Lost out of Christ

**Conclusion:**

1. She brought others to Christ – [John 4:28-30](#) .
  - 1) One soul won and now winning another!
  - 2) She was excited– forgot her water pot at the well – [John 4:28-29](#).
2. Those brought were converted to Christ – [John 4:39-42](#).