

Jesus' Example of Friendship - CounterCultural

- Touched leper (Mt 1:40-44)
 - Jesus moved with compassion
 - Cleansed leper
 - Lev 13:45 – Leper was supposed to cry “Unclean! Unclean!”
- Touched bier/plank of dead son (Lk 7:14)
 - Bier/plank would be unclean
- Why did Jesus do this? (Lk 7:13)
 - Jesus' compassion for widow

John 4 – Samaritan Woman

- John 3 – Conversation with Nicodemus
- John 4 – Conversation with Samaritan Woman
- Why travel through Samaria?
 - Strict Jews traveled around Samaria
 - Was “unclean” land
- Jesus was tired from his journey
 - Was 6th hour – noon (v 6)
 - Mentioned to show why Jesus hot and tired?
 - Mentioned to show Samaritan woman was avoiding people?

John 4 – Samaritan Woman

- One of the longest recorded conversation of Jesus
- Samaritan woman surprised Jesus spoke to her (v 9)
- Jesus speaks of spiritual matters (v 10, 14)
 - Living water, give water resulting in eternal life
- Women understands in physical terms (v 11-12, 15)
 - Won't have to keep coming to well for water

John 4 – Samaritan Woman

- Conversation about her lack of a current husband (v 16-19)
 - Result: Samaritan woman regards Jesus as a prophet
- Discussion about true worship
 - Worship God in spirit and truth (v 24)
- Woman brings up the coming Messiah (v 25)
- Jesus tells her “I am He”
 - Rarely admits to being the Messiah (see John 2:25)
- Samaritan woman’s testimony (v 39)

John 4 – Samaritan Woman

- Jesus remained to teach Samaritans (v 40)
- Samaritans know Jesus is the Savior of the world (v 42)
- Countercultural
 - For Jesus to speak with a Samaritan
 - For Jesus to speak with a woman
 - For Jesus to have a theological discussion with a woman
- Fruit of this conversation – Many Samaritans believe

Luke 7 – Sinful Woman

- Woman was a sinner (v 37)
 - Not sure what kind of sinner she was
 - Peter calls himself a sinner in Luke 5:8
- Woman weeping and anointing Jesus' feet with perfume
 - Uses her hair to dry the tears on his feet (v 38)
- Jesus compares her actions to Simon the Pharisee's actions
 - Woman more hospitable than Simon
 - Jesus forgives her sins (v 48)

John 12 – Mary Anoints Jesus' Feet

- Anointing in home of Simon the Leper (Matt 26:6, Mark 14:3)
- Considerable amount of perfume
 - Sold for 300 denarii (about 1 year's wages) (John 12:5)
- Jesus defends Mary's actions (v 7)
- Mary's love and devotion are evident in this act
- Took place after her brother Lazarus was raised (John 11)

Luke 10 – Mary As Disciple

- Mary seated at the Lord's feet (v 39)
 - To sit at feet of respected rabbi was position of a disciple
 - Acts 22:3 – Paul was educated at the feet of Gamaliel
 - Ancient Jewish saying (Aboth 1:4)
 - Let your house be a meeting house for the wise;
sit amidst the dust of their feet;
and drink in their words with thirst
- Unusual for women to be accepted by teacher as disciple

Luke 10 – Mary As Disciple

- Martha upset with Mary (v 40)
- Jesus defends Mary's actions (v 42)
 - She has chosen the good portion
- Martha is distracted (v 41-42)
 - Needs to focus on the one necessary thing
 - Words of the Lord

Jesus As Countercultural

- How do we practice being countercultural today?
- What things in our culture oppose God's values?
- What thing in our churches oppose God's values?