



Sermon: "The Heart of God"

Scripture: John 4

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God's compassion for mankind seen through Jesus-

'Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness.' Mt.9:35

'When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.' Mt.9:36

I-WE ALL SEE DIFFERENTLY- 4:1-6

- A. The Pharisees saw Jesus and John as competition.
- B. The Disciples saw _____ and temporal needs.
- C. Jesus looked at spiritual needs.
 - 1-'He had to pass through _____' vs.4
 - 2-When all others avoided this trek he went where there were needs.
- D. The Samaritan saw through her life-
 - 1-She uses a _____ for water; where was Jesus' bucket?
 - 2-She drew water from a well; Did He have other sources?
 - 3-She came daily for water; Jesus offered everlasting water.
 - 4-She was confused on _____; Jesus explained spiritual truth.

II- JESUS SAW THE CROWDS- vs. 32-38

- A. The disciples saw this woman. v.27
 - Why would Jesus _____ with her?
- B. The disciples worried about Jesus' hunger. v.31,33
 - The disciples were confused about _____.
- C. Jesus had compassion on the woman and all mankind.
 - 'splanchnizomai'- _____
 - Jesus saw them as harassed and helpless-
- D. The disciples operated on an earthly schedule- John 4:35

III- PRAY TO THE LORD OF THE HARVEST-

Original words were 'tou kuriou tou therismou' -Pray to the Lord whose harvest it is.

- A. Jesus called for the disciples to pray for _____ to come-
 - That they would be involved in the harvest-
 - The harvest is not ours. Pray to the one 'whose harvest it is'-
- B. Pray to the Father that harvesters would go-
 - Pray first- 'Lord send me!'
 - Lord, lift _____ to see the harvest-

'LOOK, I TELL YOU, LIFT UP YOUR EYES, AND SEE THAT THE FIELDS ARE WHITE FOR HARVEST.' JOHN 4:35