

Conversations with Jesus

Understanding how and why Jesus came to Earth

The uniqueness of Jesus' incarnation is seen most clearly in John 1:14 ~

The Word became flesh and took up residence among us

God chose this particular way at this particular time in the form of one particular person to reveal himself, his character, and his love for people. This God is the revealed God.

But let's not stop there. God did not come as a voice. He did not come as a spirit, as a demigod, as an immortal, as a vision or set of instructions. He came as a human person. The particular method of God's revealing is important. Therefore, it is also true that we can know what it means to be rightly human by looking at the life of Jesus.

This series – **Conversations with Jesus** – is about 3 things.

The Unique incarnation of Jesus (Who is God?)

The Unique call of the Jesus-follower (Imitate Christ)

The specific element of each story as we learn what God has to offer us and what we can do to follow him

John 4 - The Woman at the Well

4:4 the Gospels do not ordinarily write that Jesus "had to" travel anywhere. They simply say Jesus went here or there. This is a play on words with the universally understood cultural snafu that was interacting with Samaritans.

4:16 Jesus makes it personal.

Jesus points specifically to the thing that causes this woman the most pain.

4:26 Jesus reveals himself as Messiah.

The one who can explain everything, the one who is ushering in the new age of worship – a new access to God, the one who knows things he shouldn't know, the one with the power to give eternal life, the one with the ability to give the very gifts of God – That God – begins by sitting down, at a well, in the middle of the heat, and says "can I have a drink".

I believe that in all of these conversations over the next 8 weeks, Jesus will surprise you.

4:28 Remember what we said earlier that Jesus spoke directly to this woman's most painful situation? This woman does 2 very important new things.

She leaves her water jar - Discards her previous purpose and way of life – and runs back into town with a new purpose

Second, her message is that Jesus told her everything she ever did – come see! Jesus took the worst thing she ever did and turned into her greatest witness, along with a new sense of joy and purpose.