

Sermon Outline

JESUS GOES TO SAMARIA (!) ... | Geoff Lin

Bible Reading: John 4:1-42, 43-54 (page. 1514)

Jn 3:16 For God so loved **the world** that he gave his one and only Son, that **whoever believes** in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

The big idea: Jesus is doing more in the world than just in you and me ...

Part 1: The Samaritan Woman (vv1-42)

1. An ancient hostility (vv1-9)

- Israel splits into a Northern and Southern Kingdom in 922BC
- King Omri names the Northern Kingdom "Samaria" (1 Kings 16)
- an alternative temple on Mt Gerizim

2. Living water that wells up to eternal life (vv10-20)

- eternal life?

Is 55:1 **Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters**; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without cost. 2 Why spend money on what is not bread, and your labor on what does not satisfy? Listen, listen to me, and eat what is good, and you will delight in the richest of fare. 3 Give ear and come to me; listen, that you may **live**. I will make an **everlasting** covenant with you, my faithful love promised to David. 4 See, I have made him a witness to the peoples, a ruler and commander of the peoples. 5 **Surely you will summon nations you know not, and nations you do not know will come running to you**, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has endowed you with splendor."

- why is Jesus here at this particular moment in time?

3. True worship of God (vv21-30)

- "a time is coming and has now come ..." (v23)

Sir (v11) -> Prophet (v19) -> Messiah (v25)

4. A crop for eternal life/fields ripe for harvest (vv31-42)

"My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to finish his work" (v34)

- "crop for eternal life" ≈ "water welling up to eternal life"

"this man really is the Saviour of **the world**" (v42)

Jn 3:16 For God so loved **the world**

Jn 2:19 The Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of **the world**

Caren's story ...

Part 2: The Royal Official's Son (vv43-54)

Jn 20:30 Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. 31 But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

Q. So what, for us?

Because Jesus is the Saviour of the World ...

... we keep planting churches

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... we want to be a multi-ethnic church

Aaron's story ...

*I cannot tell how he will win the nations,
how he will claim his earthly heritage,
how satisfy the needs and aspirations
of east and west, of sinner and of sage.
But this I know, all flesh shall see his glory,
and he shall reap the harvest he has sown,
and some glad day his sun will shine in splendour
when he the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is known.*