The Master Teacher at Jacob’s Well
John 4:5-26

Introduction:
A. Jesus had a five-fold purpose on earth.
   1. To do the will of the Father (John 4:34; 6:68).
   2. To seek and save the lost – teach. (Luke 19:20)
   3. To serve others (Matt. 20:28)
   4. To give himself a ransom (Matt. 20:28).
   5. To leave us an example (John 13:15; 1 Pet. 2:21).
B. Jesus left us an example for seeking, saving and serving at Jacob’s well.

Discussion:
I. He Recognized the Value of One Soul (v. 7, 8).
   A. Often overlook the need to reach just one person.
      1. Forget that one soul is worth more than whole world (Mk. 8:36, 37).
      2. Forget Jesus’s great lesson to just one soul (cf. Jno. 3:1-3; txt)
      4. Forget potential gain from one soul (v. 39; 41).
   B. Often think in impersonal wholes rather than particular persons.
      1. Recognize our duty to preach to “the world” but no our grocery man, mail-man, etc.
      2. Recognize our duty to teacher “every creature” but not a creature named Johnson or Smith.
      3. Recognize our duty to save “the lost” but not a lost person with a name.

II. He Did His Father’s Work Even When Tired (v. 6).
   A. Must we wait until we “feel our best” to do the Lord’s work?
      1. To attend a service.
      2. To teach a neighbor.
      3. To encourage a brother.
   B. Most great accomplishments achieved under adverse conditions.

III. He Did Not Pre-judge.
   A. It would have been easy to write this woman off as an unlikely prospect.
      1. She was a Samaritan (v. 9)
      2. She was very immoral (vv. 17, 18).
      3. She already had a religion (v. 20).
   B. It is likely that we sometimes decide in advance who will not accept the gospel.
      1. We preach the gospel is for all (Mk. 16:15; Acts 17:30).
      2. We act as though the gospel is only for certain people.
         a. For the moral, not the immoral and vise versa (cf. Acts 10:1-4; 1 Cor. 6:9-11).
         b. For the religious, not the irreligious and vise versa (cf. Acts 8).
         c. For the rich, not poor, some races, not others and vise versa (cf. Gal. 3:28)

IV. He Seized the Moment.
   A. He turned ordinary conversation about drinking water into lesson on living water.
   B. He did not wait for a formal arrangement, she was open to teaching then and there.
      1. How often do we miss chances work teaching into our daily conversations?
      2. How often do we fail to capitalize on people’s remarks about religion in general?

Conclusion:
A. We, like Jesus, must seize every opportunity to teach multitudes (Mk. 2:13) – or just one soul.
B. We cannot really grow and a church without the kind things that Jesus did at the well.