

The Ultimate Example John 4:1-26

Jesus was the ultimate example of sharing who he was. In John 4, he gives us an example of how to share the message with someone when talking to them.

We have provided a brief Bible study on sharing your faith.

1. Presence (v. 6)

4 (Jesus) had to go through Samaria. 5 So he came to a town in Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of ground Jacob had given to his son Joseph. 6 Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired as he was from the journey, sat down by the well. It was about the sixth hour.

2. Common Ground (v. 7)

⁷When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, ***"Will you give me a drink?"***

3. Transition (v. 10)

⁸The Samaritan woman said to him, "You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink?" (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans)

¹⁰Jesus answered her, ***"If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water."***

4. Explanation (v. 13)

¹¹"Sir," the woman said, "you have nothing to draw with and the well is deep. Where can you get this living water?"

¹²Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did also his sons and his flocks and herds?"

¹³Jesus answered, ***"Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴but whoever drinks the water I give him***

will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life."

5. Supernatural Sensitivity (v. 16)

¹⁵The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water so that I won't get thirsty and have to keep coming here to draw water."

¹⁶He told her, "Go, call your husband and come back."

¹⁷"I have no husband," she replied.

Jesus said to her, "*You are right when you say you have no husband. ¹⁸The fact is, you have had five husbands, and the man you now have is not your husband. What you have just said is quite true.*"

¹⁹"Sir," the woman said, "I can see that you a prophet.

6. Focus (v. 21)

²⁰Our fathers worshipped on this mountain, but you Jews claim that the place where we must worship is in Jerusalem."

²¹Jesus declared, "*Believe me, woman, a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. ²²You Samaritans will worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for they are the kind of worshiper the Father seeks. ²⁴God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in spirit and in truth.*"

7. Resolution (revealing Christ) (v. 26)

²⁵The woman said, "I know that Messiah" (called Christ) "is coming. When he comes, he will explain everything to us."

²⁶Then Jesus declared, "*I who speak to you am he.*"