

Hope for a Broken Soul

PASSAGE: *John 4:1-26*

SUMMARY: People are broken. Some are heavy laden with the pressure of religion, a haunting past, soul-crushing sorrow, or the expectations of society. Our brokenness manifests itself in a multitude of ways, but Jesus offers freedom from all of this. He offers rest and invites us to worship in Spirit and in Truth as the Messiah. If you are a broken person, today is good news.

- **V3-4**, Had = 3 day delay.
 - **Jesus loves people and seeks them.** (here, demoniac, in his incarnation)
 - **Jesus loves marginalized people.** (came to seek and save the lost)
- **V7-9**, **Jesus engages marginalized people.**
 - Jesus crosses the boundary of Samaritans and gender.
 - Do we? Ex: Jesus in Athens, "You send missionaries into risk and discomfort, but you won't receive it yourselves."
 - What might happen if we did? Ex: "Nobody talks to me" in North Africa
- **V16-19**, Why go for the sore spot?
 - **Jesus loves broken people.**
 - Blessed (happy) are the poor in Spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of God
 - Profile of this woman in a man's world
 - **Jesus is seeking broken people.**
- **V20**, Smokescreen, hiding behind debate → ex: "I don't believe XYZ is true"
- **V21**, **'Where' is the wrong question. It should be, 'How and Whom?'**
- **V23**, To worship God you need SPIRIT and TRUTH
 - Truth = by the Word, not by your buffet approach
 - Written Word, Living Word
 - Spirit = right heart, new heart
 - Broken spirit, new spirit
 - **Need a self-awareness of your brokenness, and a God awareness of your only hope in the gospel.**
 - **God is seeking SUCH people!**
- **V24-26**, Jesus is seeking worshippers. He is seeking people. He loves broken, dejected, suffering people. Just like this women.

How about us?

- We are broken people. Some of us are more aware than others.
- We see it in our sin, our shame, our failings, our insatiability
- **Jesus is seeking broken people who will place their hope for healing in himself.**
- You need a broken spirit and an understanding of the truth. If you repent and believe, then the Living God will give you a new Spirit and the Truth of God will dwell within you.
- You can do that today.