



Five Objections to Jesus

Sermon Outline

Text: John 4:1-26

Introduction

In between two encounters with powerful influential people, we find an encounter Jesus had with someone who was not powerful or influential. The woman at the well had five objections to Jesus. At times, we also have these objections.

Message

1. The objection of prejudice (John 4:7-10)
 - a. She assumed (prejudged) that Jesus was prejudiced against her because she was a Samaritan woman, but He was not.
 - b. Jesus' response: My water is for everyone.
2. The objection of tradition (John 4:11-14)
 - a. She said this well was good enough for Jacob, why was it not good enough for Jesus?
 - b. Jesus' response: My water is better; my way is better.
3. The half-truth objection (John 4:16-18)
 - a. What she said was true, but not the entire truth. She was hiding her private life.
 - b. Jesus' response: I know all about you.
4. The objection of controversy (John 4:19-24)
 - a. The conversation was not going her way, so she tried to introduce a controversy to sidetrack Jesus.
 - b. Jesus' response: Showing her argument as a false dilemma and revealing God's nature to her.
5. The objection of skepticism (John 4:25,26)
 - a. She claimed that the truth could not be known, so she would continue in her own way until the Messiah came.
 - b. Jesus' response: I Am. The Truth is here. You cannot hide anymore.

Conclusion

Christ did not give up on her. Instead, He used her objections as tools to reach her. His responses are relevant to our society today. He brought an absolute to her wandering life. No longer could she claim ignorance. Christ arrested her with His piercing words. The Messiah had come. She would ignore Him at her own risk. Christ's work brought a great revival to her town (John 4:39-42).

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