

I MUST NEEDS GO

JOHN 4

Text: John 4:4; Acts 17:16

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⁴ And he must needs go through Samaria.

Acts 17:16

¹⁶ Now while Paul waited for them at Athens, his spirit was stirred in him, when he saw the city wholly given to idolatry.

Introduction:

I find here two different verses, but these verses have reference to great action. One verse concerns Jesus Himself, while the other concerns Paul. Please notice some things that I think have great relevance for us today.

1. THE URGENCY

A. Must needs go.

1. Was for one individual
2. If there was such urgency for one, how much more should our urgency be.
3. We too must go.

- a. Into the world
- b. Into the highways
- c. Into the hedges.

B. Spirit stirred

- 1. Over one city.
- 2. How much more should we be stirred.
- 3. What is it that stirs your spirit?
 - a. The things of God?
 - b. The things of this world?

2. THE NEED

A. Was known by Jesus

- 1. Was not selfish
- 2. Was for the undesirable.

B Was known by Paul

- 1. Was not selfish

2. Was for the undesirable

C. Was unknown by the Samaritan.

1. Most of the time those in need don't even realize it.

D. Was unknown by Athenians

Illustration

A person drowning is never aware that someone is trying to help them, and have even sometimes drowned the one offering help.

E. Becomes known

1. By the Word of the Lord.

2. We too can see our needs, from the Word of God.

3. THE ACTION

A. The Word of God brings a right desire. (4:15)

John 4:15

¹⁵The woman saith unto him, Sir, give me this water, that I thirst not, neither come hither to draw.

B. Noticed a difference in Jesus (4:19)

John 4:19

¹⁹ The woman saith unto him, Sir, I perceive that thou art a prophet.

C. Discovered who Jesus really was. (4:25,26)

John 4:25-26

²⁵ The woman saith unto him, I know that Messias cometh, which is called Christ: when he is come, he will tell us all things. ²⁶ Jesus saith unto her, I that speak unto thee am *he*.

4. THE RESULTS OF DISCOVERING WHO JESUS REALLY IS.

A. Became a soul winner (4:29)

(John 4:29 KJV) Come, see a man, which told me all things that ever I did: is not this the Christ?

B Was excited to be saved.

1. Was so excited that she stretched the truth. (vs. 29)

C. The results will be the same when we really discover who Jesus is.

5. WE TOO MUST NEED GO AS WELL

A. Why?

1. Because there is always someone that needs salvation.
2. Because we are commanded to go.
3. There is always going to be sin to deal with.
4. There are cities that still need preaching.

Illustration:

St. Charles/St. Peters MO.	100,000 Plus	- 2 churches
St. Louis Metro Region	2.6 million	- 8 churches
Los Angeles, CA	3.5 million	- 2 churches
Oakland, CA	386,800	- 0 churches
San Jose, CA	846,000	- 1 church
San Diego, CA	1,197,700	- 2 churches
Santa Barbara, CA	100,000	- 0 churches
Hollywood, CA	280,878	- 0 churches

B. Are you willing?

Close :

The need is great, and the laborers are few.