

## CROSSING BARRIERS TO WINNING SOULS

(John 4:3-26)

### INTRODUCTION:

- A. Background of Samaritan Race
- B. Preparations to Salvation in Christ. Acts 8:5-12

### I. FOUR BARRIERS JESUS CROSSED TO WIN A SOUL

- A. He Crossed **RACIAL** Barrier.
  - 1. She was a Samaritan.
  - 2. He was Jewish by birth.
  - 3. John 4:9
- B. He Crossed **CULTURAL** and **SOCIETAL** Barriers.
  - 1. He crossed well defined lines which prohibited a man talking publicly with a woman.
  - 2. John 4:27
- C. He Crossed **RELIGIOUS** Barriers.
  - 1. He crossed well marked religious lines between Jews and Samaritans.
  - 2. John 4:20
  - 3. That would have been Mt. Gerizim across from Mt. Ebal.
    - a. 2800 feet above sea level . . . near Shechem.
    - b. Joshua 8:30-35 – Joshua read the words of the Law.
    - c. Half of the tribes stood on Mount Gerizim and the remaining six tribes on Mout Ebal.
- D. He Crossed a **MORAL** Barrier.
  - 1. Jesus was immaculate Son of God and she was sinful woman with shameful past.
  - 2. John 4:16-19

### CONCLUSION:

- A. No barrier should keep us from seeking the salvation of a lost soul.
- B. God's Plan for Man's Salvation

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