

Exposé 247

Bucket Ministry Series 2

Title: Roundabout Gospel

Good day world, this is Exposé 247 and you are on unto the Bucket ministry, the new series we started on Exposé 247 page. If you really don't know what that means, you can visit our Facebook page or the website www.thenewnation.org and you can listen to the intro to this.

Well, if you have not listen to that, we want to say you can start from today and listen to this transmission, then you can go back to understand, we just only have intro. This will be the second episode of this series.

I think we just lay the foundation for why we are studying the Bucket ministry, the vision behind it, with the last transmission.

So today I think that is where we are starting fully.

So would you want to welcome other people that might just be joining for the very first time?

Now, viewers all over the world, if you were with us in our last episode or you are just tuning in for the first time today, we welcome you to this Exposé 247 and specifically we've started the Bucket ministry series.

Now, let me just recapitulate in a summary, the whole vision of the Bucket ministry series, is to enable us as people who are in the kingdom or for those who are not yet to come in into the kingdom to look at the implication of the gospel of the Lord Jesus. The key thing about the gospel is not just the fact that Jesus brought the Good News through his death, burial and resurrection. The key thing is that our lives now and for eternity will live out the implication of the gospel. And that is why we are on this Bucket ministry series.

So now follow us today as we make progress from where we stopped.

Now, as our case study, the case study Chapter of the Bible that we began to look at is John Chapter 4. I call it case study because as it were, the goal or the focus is not just to do an exegesis on John Chapter 4, but the goal is to use John Chapter 4 as a platform to make us in this generation understand the full implication of the gospel. So just a case study.

So follow us quickly

I just hope our viewers will be able to break away from the content of familiarity because this is a well-read passage, is a well know story. So it take the grace and the meekness to be able to receive with meekness the engrafted Word as it is able to save your soul.

So follow us quickly as we get on with this.

In the last transmission, we stopped at verse 2. And then we did a bit of verse 3. But today we are going to kick start fully with verse 3.

John Chapter 4 verse 3.

John 4

3. He left Judea, and departed again into Galilee.

Now, we already explain the reason why he did that in our last transmission. You can actually read from that.

What does the next verse says?

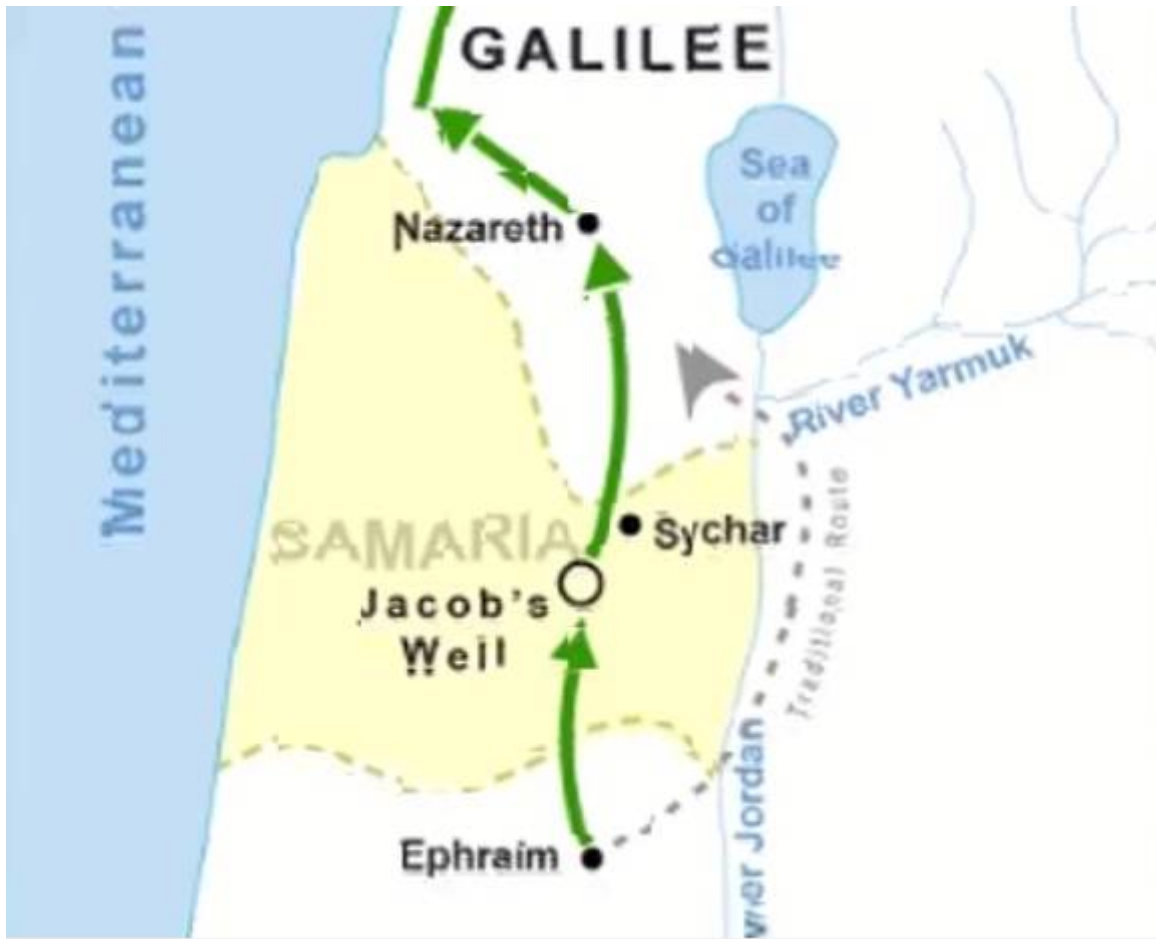
4. And he must need go through Samaria

That is the key thing for today. He says there was a need for Jesus to go through Samaria.

Now, you see this particular statement has a lot of significance and we have to actually decode and see what the spirit of grace had in mind for why this is documented in the scriptures. Don't forget all scriptures is given by the inspiration of God and is profitable. There is a profit in the scripture. This particular John Chapter 4 verse 4 has a profit. What is the profit there? Why did he says Jesus must need go through Samaria? I want to understand, are there other options? because if he says he must need go through Samaria, are some other people not going through Samaria? or is there options to go through Samaria. Am glad you asked.

Well, there is an option. That is the point. There is an option and that is why the Bible says concerning Jesus, he has go through Samaria. Do you know why? Some other people were not going through Samaria.

For example, if you look at your screen we begin to share something. Look at the map of the journey because the Bible says in verse 3, that Jesus wanted to go from Judea to Galilee.



Now, if you look at the map as we are trying to show that now, you will see, to go from Judea to Galilee you have Samaria in between.

Now, it makes natural sense that if you want to go from Judea to Galilee, you should take Samaria as a kind of intermediary town to get to Galilee from Judea. Is the shortest cut from Judea to Galilee. You should go through Samaria. Can you see that?

So I don't think it is news for the scriptures to then say that Jesus must need go through Samaria when it is common sense that He should go through Samaria because that is the shortest route from Judea to Galilee. Now, I think you are wondering now.

I will tell you the reason why the scriptures said Jesus has need to go through Samaria. This is the reason. It was because of the Samaritans. There was something that Samaria stood for, for any Jews in the days of Jesus. It was something that they stood for. And then you will have to go back in history, I wouldn't today... because we want to bring out the implication of the gospel through this particular John 4:4. So I don't want to bore you too much with the historical context but please permit to

digress a bit and give you a snapshot of the history of this Samaritan town. Why the Bible says Jesus must need go through?

I think our viewers will appreciate the geography and the historical relationship and any diplomatic relationship between the two cities.

Yes, you have to understand that is why unless we understand the back drop or the historical context, you might not see any spiritual sense in why this scriptures say "Jesus must need go through." That is why we are trying to paint a picture of.

Now, the first thing is, how the Samaritans come about? Who are the Samaritans? Now this is the point.

Now, if you go back in the book of Kings. Israel was just one nation, but in the book of Kings, if you read that thoroughly you will notice that the nation of Israel broke into two. We have two of the tribes forming the tribe of Judah which later were called the Jews and we have ten of them which actually formed the one you called Israel. So there was Israel and there was Judah. So if you check the book of Kings, you begin to see Judah and Israel. Everybody was Israel but there was a division of the ten tribes to form Israel in the northern part and two tribes formed the Jews or Judah in the southern part.

Now, this is what happened. The Assyrians, historically invaded the northern part which is called Israel and when they did, the Israelites (the ten tribes) what they did was, they interconnected with the Assyrians and instead of fighting the Assyrians, they just willingly submitted to them culturally, psychologically and they began to marry. (Intermarriage) So those two other tribes who were in the south which we call the tribe of Judah, they began to resent the northern tribe of Israel for forming partnership with the enemy. The southern tribe even thought they began to say that the northern tribe which is the ten tribe that formed Israel has become corrupted and polluted because of intermarriage.

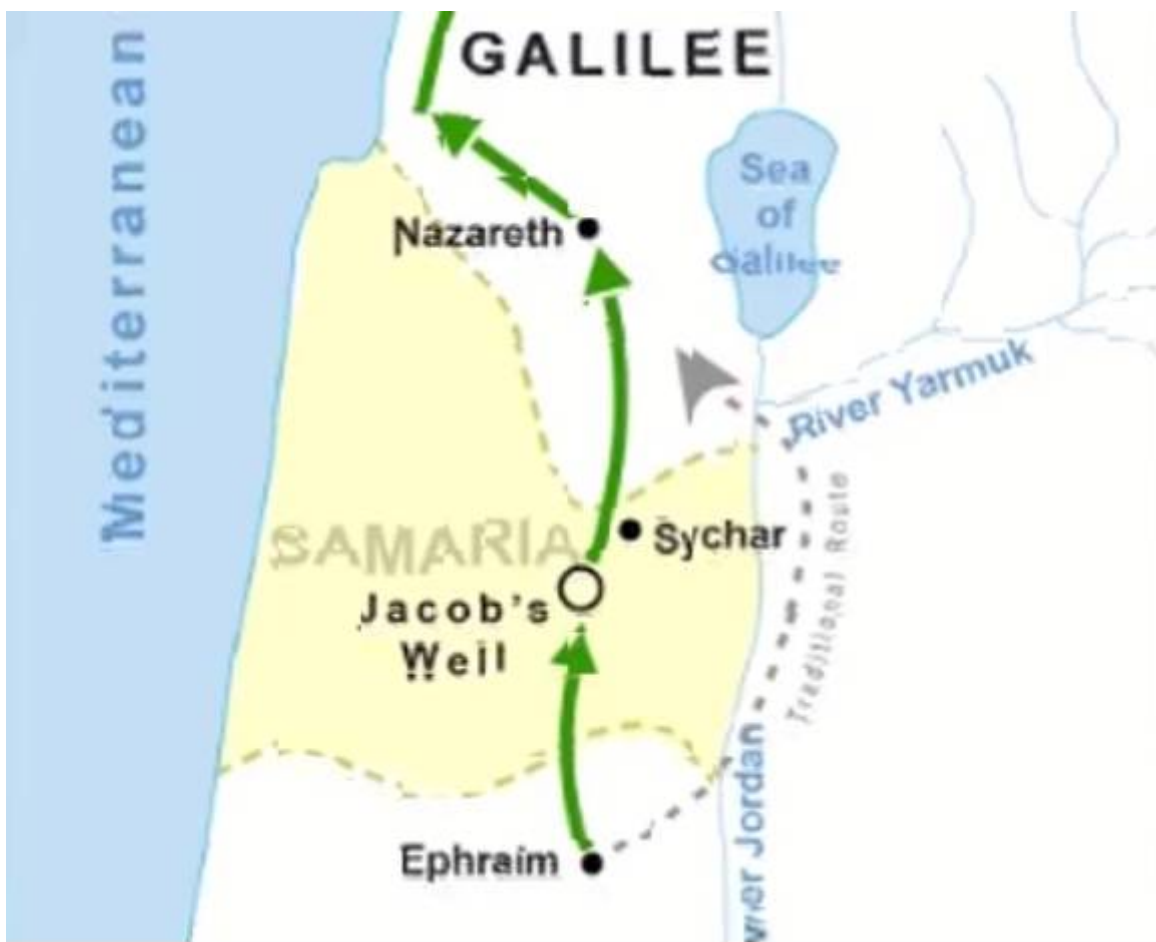
So the southern tribe, the two tribes; the tribe of Judah - the Jews, they saw this northern tribe as being polluted. And this northern tribe, this is where Samaria was located. That is on an average, they always look at Samaritans as polluted, corrupted people. People whose seed has been polluted. This was the way an average Jew or those in the tribe of Judah will see those in the North.

Now, it got so terrible that in the days of Nehemiah and Ezra, when the temple was being rebuilt. When the Samaritans offered to help in the building of the temple, the Jews rejected them because they saw them as a corrupted, polluted breed. Because a Samaritan was an average somebody whose parentage or whose genealogy was

because of the intermarriage between the Assyrians and the Israel. So they were seen as that. So they saw them as a polluted people.

So what does that mean? It means every time a Jew wants to go from Judah to Galilee, instead of taking the shortest cut by going through Samaria which is the shortest cut on the map geographically speaking, because the Jews saw the Samaritans as being polluted, and corrupted, and they are people that you don't even touch.

You know there was a time when Jesus was preaching the gospel and they resented Jesus, you know what they called Jesus? You are a Samaritan. You couldn't use any derogatory word for a Jew than to call a Jew a Samaritan. If you want to make him offended, call him a Samaritan. That was how far they resented the Samaritans.



Now, when a Jew is planning to go from Judea to Galilee, instead of going through Samaria, a Jew believed going through Samaria will corrupt him and pollute him. So what they do is, they then go round the desert of Jordan. If you look at the map again, you will see what am saying.

There is a Jordan desert. So they go round to the right through the desert and that adds on an average, three more days to the journey.

Now, a Jew will rather do that, to go from Judea to Galilee, they will actually have to deter and make sure they never go through Samaria because they think Samaria was just polluted, corrupted, ungodly. They are a contaminated breed of people. And that is how terrible it is.

You want to say something?

I was just wondering how deep the hatred was to add extra three days.

They go through the Jordan desert. They have to in a way...

The peril of the desert...

for three days instead of going straight through Samaria from Jordan to Galilee, they have to deter because they think that is how polluted they think the Samaritans were.

Is it not the same desert that we have the robbery and how dangerous that is?

Yeah,

So is not actually about the timing or the elongation of the time, the peril of that.

But they will rather go through that danger than going through Samaria, to go from Judea to Galilee.

Now, see! The reason we painted the picture of the historical context is that you can understand the feelings or the perspectives in the days of Jesus. So here was Jesus who was going through from Judea to Galilee and the scriptures said, in the case of Jesus, he must need go through Samaria.

So Jesus decided I am going to go through. There is a need to go through.

Now, this need cannot just be a mere geographical need. This is the reason why we said so because all the other Jews were going round Samaria, they were not going through Samaria. But in his case, it was a must for him to go through Samaria.

It really sounded unusual that was why he had to say there was a need to go through it.

There was a need in his case. It was compulsory in his case to go through Samaria.

Now, what are we talking about? Why are we painted the historical picture? Am glad you asked?

Again let's draw out the implication of this for the gospel of our Lord Jesus. Don't forget Samaria represent one thing, it represent a people who are actually gone astray, a people who have become polluted and corrupted. Whose natural seed has become dented by interconnection with the system or with the government or with an arrangement that God said they should never get connected with.

So the Samaritans could represent all that.

Now, let say something about the Samaritans. The outcast, people that you looked down and say well, these are the people that don't qualify for God's favour or God's mercy because of their background or where they came from. That is what the Samaritans actually represent. And it gets so terrible with them because they were not allowed to worship the God of Israel. They were disconnected from the common wealth of Israel.

In fact that is the reason why if you notice, as we go down in this discuss, the Samaritans had no choice but to set up their own holy temple. That is why the woman was telling Jesus later and said our fathers said we should worship in this temple.

They had no choice for they had to create a temple for themselves because they were not allow to come into the house of God in Judea. They could not worship with the Jews. So they had to come up with a counterfeit, something that they actually had to have a feel that they are worshipping God.

But listen, the Bible said concerning Jesus, he had to go through Samaria.

Now, what does that mean? It means in the place where others were going around Samaria, round about Samaria in which people were not facing the issue, Jesus had to run through or go through it.

Now, what does that tell you about the Lord Jesus Christ? Don't forget the scriptures says in John Chapter 1 that the law came through Moses, but grace and truth came through Jesus (John 1:17). Jesus, who is the embodiment of grace and truth, Jesus, who is the embodiment of the gospel had to go through Samaria. What does that tell you about the gospel?

It means the gospel of the Lord Jesus, the gospel in person, grace and truth in person does not go around. See! it doesn't matter what the situation is. It doesn't matter the cultural context. It doesn't matter the background of people. It doesn't matter where people are coming from. It doesn't matter the pollution, the corruption, the cultural background, cultural heritage, it doesn't matter what you call it. The gospel of the Lord Jesus never goes around. It always go through. It doesn't matter whether is

something that people say that is untouchable, that is not something you want to get mingle with, the gospel doesn't get scare of anything. The gospel of grace will go through anything. That is why I like that place in Romans Chapter 5 where it says where sin abound, grace much more abound (Romans 5:20). The gospel doesn't go around.

See! today what we have in our generation is, even when people presented the gospel of Jesus Christ, we have situations where the gospel just go around situations. It goes around people, there are some people that even because we look at them, or because we look at ourselves, the way the gospel is presented, it doesn't run through. The gospel doesn't get scared of any cultural context, any people, any situations. The presentation of the gospel will deal with any people, will deal with any situation.

Here was Jesus, here was the gospel in person refusing to go through the normal route that people go, he had to go through Samaria. And that is what we see there.

Now, what a sharp contrast with the kind of gospel that we see these days that is being preach. The one that goes round. We have the gospel that accommodate racial conflict, ethnic to rival fighting. And we see gospel that is peculiar, ethnic gospel like the gospel to the Samaria, and the gospel to the Jews. Some are outside the sphere.

So when it goes to the Jews, then it goes around Samaritans. It goes with the Jews, it goes around the Samaritans, but this gospels from the Jews...

So we see some series of message that actually, from all the presentation, from the way, even from the context exclude some set of people, exclude some kind of race and part of it. That is the thing. Because people are going round about. Avoiding issues!

Yes, they are going round about.

The gospel that avoid issues about people, about races, culture, some demographics or some circumstances or some situations.

Because they want to be politically correct, culturally relevant, you know they don't want to sound offensive and so they just want to... let's go round the issues.

So how can we present the gospel without getting to this muddy mess up? Let's talk about the tribal dealings and the infightings here? But Jesus was ready to face it. That was the gospel that must able to face everything and go through.

So is there any Samaria around us? Is there any Samaria as an issue? Our gospel must go through Samaria.

Our gospel must never perambulate, if that is the word. See! some gospel perambulate which means what they do at the core is they don't challenge the situation on ground. They don't face up to the situation and that is why you see people who believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, people who claim to be born again, congregation, denominations or places of worship that people gather and you wonder why do people still think in a way that is not a new creation thinking? Why will people talk in such a way that is not consistent with the new birth in Christ Jesus? Why do people have a mentality that is the mentality of somebody who has not been recreated by the Holy Spirit or regenerated by his Word?

You know why? Because when people come into contact with the presentation of the gospel (the context), that presentation does not run through things. It does not shake the foundation of people's background or cultural context. It doesn't run through. What it does is, it goes round. It goes round and you see, here was Jesus in person who refused to go around Samaria because of what Samaria represent to the Jews, he refused to go round it. He decided to go through. That is it.

Every presentation of the gospel must be ready to go through. If it is not going through, it means it is not a perfect picture of what Christ Jesus actually presented when He actually gave us the Good News through his death, burial and resurrection.

Yes, we can see that the whole mark of the true gospel is about this and I don't know if this is the time for it in Ephesians Chapter 2, it was telling about reconciliation, gospel that will reconcile all these differences and that is why in Ephesians Chapter 2, Apostle Paul was talking more about what the true gospel is... that is why you have to understand... that is the hall mark of the true gospel to know it, you reconcile all these, the outcast, the aliens, they were being brought forth to join force with the commonwealth of Zion. That is the thing.

The gospel that reconcile the Samaritans with the Jews together. That is the kind of the gospel. Every race together, all status and everything together, that is the kind of the gospel.

Thank you for saying that.

Now, you see before we go into other verses today, I want our viewers to understand this. You see the Good News of the gospel, the Good News of our Lord Jesus Christ is not just something... you know the way some people think about the Word of God, the way we think about the Good News sound very similar to the rich young ruler. I think we might have to have a look at that.

Let's have a look at the case in study of that young man, and then we see what the foundation of the gospel is...

While we are looking at that, is so very encouraging to look at the life of Jesus and I am trying to picture myself, and I was thinking our viewers too will be able to picture themselves, because this is our model for ministry, our model for whatsoever we are preaching whether in context and presentation. We can learn everything from Christ. So some people don't need to go to that learning management or presentation of how do we bring it up, as much as... we can learn everything from Christ because the gospel run through.

Yes, the context and the presentation.

I was thinking it was not going through the easy way route because it is going to generate so much of controversy among so many people by going through that, making that difficult choice of going through Samaria.

So why would he want to do that? Why wouldn't he just not want to offend the people? to say you don't want to offend the sensibilities, the cultural sensibilities, these are highly sensitive issues and so let's use wisdom, the way people call wisdom, so you don't sound like that somebody that is controversial. Jesus actually wouldn't mind the costs maybe I might lose my followings and say No, am going to address this. This was gospel that must go through this.

Now, thank you for that insight.

It means the gospel when presented is all encompassing, it will address every circumstances.

Now, the only reason why we have people who are saved but some things are kept away from the light of the gospel is because we are not actually presenting the true gospel. The true gospel will shake every single foundation about our lives. That is why this gospel of the Lord Jesus, when it was even in the flesh, the gospel was not even avoiding Samaritans by going around them as the normal Jews will do, he has to go through Samaria.

Look at this, Matthew Chapter 19, you can read verse 16.

Let's look at something.

Matthew 19

16. And, behold one came and said unto him, Good master, what good thing shall I do, that I may have eternal life?

17. And he said unto him, why callest thou me good? there is none good but one, that is God: but if thou wilt enter into life, keep the commandments

18. He saith unto him, which? Jesus said, thou shalt do no murder, thou shalt not commit adultery, thou shalt not steal, thou shalt not bear false witness

19. Honour thy father and thy mother, and thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself

20. The young man saith unto him, all these things have I kept from my youth up, what lack I yet?

21. Jesus said unto him, if thou wilt be perfect, go and sell that thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven, and come and follow me.

Now, if you are wondering why are we talking about this? Now look at the mentality, look at the ideology of this rich young ruler, and that is the way, we in our generation have an ideology very similar to this young man.

If you notice when he came to Jesus, he had a very wrong idea about what the gospel of our Lord Jesus is. If you think about it, he was saying what more do I lack?

So how did he see the gospel? He saw the gospel as something that... he said am doing pretty well. I have kept all these things from my youth, not fornicated, not committed this sin, not murder, not kill someone. And he said what again? What is the last thing remaining that I can add on top of this pedigree, or this my CV? What can I use to top up, if that make sense, to perfect the whole thing?

So to him the way he saw the gospel, what he was expecting from Christ, was Christ was going to give him something on top and then that is going to seal up the whole thing and perfect him or one more steps to climb on the mountain of achieving what God created him to be. But you know what Jesus did? Jesus simply said, well you don't need one more step to finish climbing the mountain, we are going to crash the whole mountain. We are going to run through the whole thing. The old system that you are operating is not just system that give you full acceptance before God.

Jesus crash the whole hard drive. He crashed the whole system. And said that is not the mountain to climb.

What point am I trying to make to you today? That the gospel is not an add on to your life or something to top up or something to just say well, if I become a Christian, if I become born again, that will actually help me to get to the destination. That is not the

gospel. What is the gospel? The gospel is something that if you understand, it's supposed to revolutionize, is meant to scatter, is meant to explode your whole life.

Now, why did I say that?

If you look at the reason why the Jews had a problem with Jesus, they would have had no problem with Jesus, if Jesus was just going through. For example from Judea to Galilee and going around Samaria, and say well, this Jesus is a great teacher at least we know there is one more thing we can learn from Jesus to top up our life. That is the reason why when Nicodemus came to Jesus as representing the Jews and the Pharisee, Nicodemus said we know you are a teacher come from God and nobody does these things that you do except God send him.

Don't forget Nicodemus came to Jesus and said, we know you are a great teacher and we know you are greater than us. Can you just top up our life for us? And then you know Nicodemus was saying that, even he didn't say that, but that is what he meant. He came to Jesus and say we know you are master, we know you are a great teacher, is there something we can learn on top of what we know already?

You know what Jesus said? Except a man be born again. Jesus said Nicodemus forget it. I have come to create a whole new order. I've come... forget about your system. Your system is not going to work. I have not come to perfect or put on top of your life... I have come to create a whole new order. You have to start from the scratch. Except a man be born again. Is a new order, a new system. Is a new life.

Why are we talking about this? That the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ has come to crash every system that human order has been built on, because Jesus said when he came, in that John Chapter 4, the Bible says he actually had to go right through. The question that were being avoided by the Jews, the issue of going around the system, he says no, am not going to go through that normal system, am going to crash the system. Am going to actually come and run through. Go through Samaria which what the Jews will never attempt to do, to face the situation.

Thanks for bringing that.

Am beginning to see the similarity between this kind of people, the Nicodemus and this young rich ruler. They seem to speak the same kind of language. They try to understand the same way, and you see we can see the approach they both approach. We can draw comparison of the thing.

Both of them recognized Jesus as somebody special, because we see the conversation... you are a good teacher that came from God. We know this one, he said good... they were able to see Jesus as different from every of the other religion.

And there is something in them again, they have a search. They are looking for something more to add to what already are.

We knew they were coming from a background of knowledge is not like they are people that are unschooled. So we see the Pharisee they are school in the school of Pharisee, they have learnt so much more. This young ruler, we don't know his profession, is not like they are unschooled, that kind of. So they have a repertoire of knowledge, they have so much that they have learnt. And they are looking for more and they could recognize Jesus as somebody separate, somebody that can give them more. That he was so special, different from every other. They come with that request more.

And we can see the arrogance. The young rich ruler was saying which? The pomposity of the expertise, I have kept this law. Which again? And so we see so many people today they are asking which? They've gone beyond. They've added some other rules, they have some doctrines and make up things for themselves because there is a quest, the same quest that the young rich ruler had, that Nicodemus had. The quest that is asking for them to look for more and more.

And so when they come around to the gospel they are trying to look for more again, in quest for more everywhere they are. Who can give me more? They are looking for people that can give them more. But the truth of the gospel is... we can see the approach of Jesus to it, there is no more. We are going to crash the system.

Jesus has not come to give more, he has come to give new. It's not about giving more, it's about giving... that is why if you notice when ... that is why some people get so angry when you don't give more and you say no, the system of adding more and more has gone, of going around Samaria, of going from Judea and past going around Samaria.

Jesus wasn't going to say am going to try going from Judea to Galilee and trying to complete in two days and make it faster. And make it a quicker journey or we can say ok, how do we go from Judea to Galilee through the Jordan desert? How can we shorten that or how can we speed up or can we use a quicker way of..? He said No! The very thing that the system has avoided, the very thing that the Jews are not facing up to, am going to go through. This is not about more, this is not about improving the system. This is about a new order. That is what the gospel is.

And we can see the human history throughout this asking for more on every occasion, we can see even in the New Testament churches, they are asking which other rules, some people are asking and the elders have to come together and say no, we have to reduce all these. And we can see Jesus doing that, reducing all the ten commandment to two and everything. Is a quest for people more. Can we add more to these?

Even Apostle Paul said we will not bring any more burden on this kind... We don't need more we need new.

Yes, we need to make it new.

The year of the new law of grace which is it. It's not about adding more laws into it.

Let's say this, if you keep with us on this Bucket ministry series, there are some presentation of the gospel that we are going to do by the grace of God that might run contrary to your personal philosophy, things might run contrary to things that are popular in your place of worship. Things might run contrary to what is popular in your culture. Things might run contrary to what is popular in your economics, your personal economics. Things might actually come out in the gospel that might run contrary to what you grew up with. That is the whole point of the gospel. That is the whole point. It is a good news of our Lord Jesus Christ that the death, the burial and the resurrection of Jesus has serious implications for how you live your life. And if that is true is going to challenge the very foundation of the structure upon which other has been built.

And that is what we see here, Jesus challenge the structure in that day. John 4:4 the structure when you want to go from Judea to Galilee, is you have to bit around Samaria. You don't go through Samaria because of what Samaria represent. You don't do it. But Jesus said there is a need to go through Samaria. So every gospel that does not challenge the foundation of our culture, of our mentality, of our ideology, is an embellish version of the gospel, is not a true gospel.

All our gospel must go through Samaria.

It must address, it. It must run through. It must challenge the system. It must challenge our mentality.

That is one thing that people have done in our days, atimes we think that what was done, when Moses went to the mountain and he went to seek the face of God, forty days and forty night of fasting to receive the ten commandment. You know when Aaron decided to build the golden calf and people began to worship and then you wonder, that is a bit absurd. That sounds a bit uncultured. It seems that they were

primitive people, how could you do that? How could you create a golden calf and you are the one bowing down to what you created?

Now, if you think that is a very absurd thing to do, think about this in our days, we could come to a point where we customize or rebranded the gospel of our Lord Jesus down to something that does not challenge us anymore. Can you see that?

That is what people do. When you create a version, that is why the Bible says in book of Chronicles, there was a time in Israel, there was no true God. There was no teaching priest and there was no law. Can you see? It didn't say there was no God, he didn't say that. All he just said is there was a new version of God. There was no true God means people have actually chisel down and redesign the whole notion of God into something that doesn't challenge the structure that is on ground. Jesus presented himself in a way that challenge every single Jews.

Let me tell you this, if people heard if a Jews in Judea heard that Jesus went through Samaria, they were going to shake and say what did you just say? What did he do? If there was a newspaper, maybe there was a Guardian or something and reports says "Jesus went from Judea to Galilee and went through Samaria," it would have been shocking news headline back in the days because you don't it. You don't challenge that. You don't go through but Jesus being the embodiment of the gospel himself actually went through or walk through what people always walk around. And that is what the true gospel will do. It will always go through, it will never bit around. It will always go through and that is what we see there.

Thank you for saying that and the verse that you quoted make me to just think about what they might be experiencing in this state when it says there was not true God, and there was no true teaching priest, meaning there were some priest maybe they were motivational priest, pondering to people opinions and people that can sit down and become spiritual warlords and they can minister their own gospel that the ethnic can understand. The one that does not put them in conflict with any other and they readily having result. So there were priest but there were no teaching priest. People that can bring these things, the culture and align everything using the scriptures, using the true gospel, there were not.

So we might be having that kind of today in which we have the example you gave that when Moses went up to get the ten commandment, people make up something for themselves. So when we don't have this kind of people that preach the true gospel so we begin to have.... There is not going to be a vacuum. If there is no teaching priest, we are going to have this other priest. We have tribal priest, spiritual warlords which

they have their own kind of gospel, but is gospel that doesn't go through Samaria. The one that was going round, can you see that?

That is why you notice that when people come to Christ Jesus, if somebody was greedy before they came to Jesus, there are times in most cases just because a spiritually greedy person. Let's put it this way, it doesn't challenge that attitude. It doesn't challenge the greed. What it does is, is just kind of give them one more platform to be greedy if that make sense.

So the gospel just go around... if the person... that is why if you notice when most of the places of worship when they merchandize people... we did a lot of series in the past, Knock out Series on Giving, you might want to listen to those series. We have quite a few of them specifically on money and giving and all that in the body of Christ. There was one that we did I remember where we say "**Talk Tough and Cut the supply chain...**" what we established from the scriptures is, it is very hard for supply to continue... is just common sense in the natural world. Supply cannot continue without demand. What you notice is, the reason why there are so many merchandizers of the gospel today is because there are so any greedy Christians. It was like a cycle.

So the reason why the merchandisers can actually succeed is they will tell somebody that if you give this or if you donate that, you know what? You will multiply your resources one thousand times or you can become the next millionaire by just receiving a prophetic cloth, and you will never get the prophetic cloth unless you drop something. So there is a cycle. You then wonder, what is wrong with that gospel? What is wrong with that gospel is, that gospel did not challenge the foundation of the structure of that person. It kept on going round. Can you see?

The gospel that goes around Samaria. It doesn't go through. Because it doesn't shake them. The gospel is not one more thing, and that is why the rich young ruler thought that if he came to Jesus there is one more thing he lack to add on top of all the CV he already has. No, that is not what the gospel does. The gospel doesn't go around Samaria, it goes straight to Samaria. Can you see that?

The true gospel will not just make somebody to be a Christian and Christianity becomes another tool for the person to perpetuate their greediness, not another tool to perpetuate your attitude, not another tool to perpetuate your idiosyncrasy, is not just one more tool. No, that is not what Christianity is. The gospel has come to shake your very foundation. Is going to run through and go through things or areas that nothing else will go through in your life. The gospel want to shake the very foundation.

That is why Jesus in John Chapter 4 verse 4, Bible says he must need. What they will not go through, what the Jew will go around. He has come to go through it. And that is what it is. So in person, this is the gospel in person. Is Jesus the embodiment of the grace and truth in person walking.

And that is what the gospel should do in your life. There are some mentality that you have that even your education cannot go through it. There are some thing you carry that even your family, your friends, the book you read cannot go through those things. Your spouse cannot go through those things for you. Your children cannot go through those things for you. That is what the gospel is supposed to do, is meant to go through where nothing else will go through. It must need go through Samaria.

To round up this episode, the sober part for me is like if we do not allow this verse, Chapter 4 verse 4 to challenge us, if we don't allow the truth of "he must need go through Samaria" to revolutionize the way we do things, the way we think and every aspect of our life, about the need of cross-carpeting to Samaria. The sad part is there is already an arrangement in place. We can see that they were going, there is an arrangement, diplomatically they were going about things. Even if it is going to give them an extra three days in the desert of Jordan, if it will expose them to unnecessary peril in the desert, there is an arrangement in place for it.

And we can find later on through this discuss as we go on, we find out that even there is a deeper arrangement than that, because the Samaritan woman was saying that we have a place where we worship here. So for their convenience, this arrangement caters, we are going to build their own kind of temple, you build your own across the temple. So really, this is a rock solid arrangement.

So we must really allow this kind of message, allow the verse (Chapter 4 verse 4 again) to challenge us to see that we just need to accept this. We are going to accept the true kind of gospel, the gospel of Jesus and allow this, if not because there is an arrangement in place. There is an arrangement of going round and about. And we should not allow that to continue with the light of this. So we want to invite you next time to meet with us on John Chapter 4.

Before you round up, let me say this. Have you notice that we kept on saying the gospel. We have not even describe what is the gospel? because this is a very loaded and meaty Chapter of the Bible. We've not even... because we are going to allow this to show us what the gospel is. But all we have established today is, Jesus being the representations in the flesh of grace and truth, you know the grace and truth came through Jesus as a person, will not avoid Samaria. He go through it which is contrary to what most of the Jews would have expected him to do. And this is not just Jesus in

the flesh even Christ in the spirit that dwells in us is also having the same approach to this, to go through when nobody else will go through. If you want to know what the gospel is that we've been talking about, we have to show that before we finished this Bucket ministry from John Chapter 4.

So we want to invite you again to join us at this John Chapter 4 as we continue to have this kind of discussion, the Bucket ministry around this. We've just only done one verse today which is verse 4.

So till we see you next time, I trust that the Lord has bless you today and he has challenge you to be able to see and force everything to go through Samaria. All the dodge conversation, all the dodge issues, that you don't talk about. The one that you've gone round about, the one you are already to expose yourself to unnecessary perils, the one you are already to increase your journey unnecessarily because today we are bringing the gospel to challenge you, to allow the true gospel of God to reconcile this issue, to reconcile your Jews and Samaritans together. And so we trust the Lord that the Lord has expose us today and the Lord is bringing the correction into us and challenging us to accept.

You know there is something that you said now that just pop something up in my spirit when you were talking about the fact that it was taking them more days instead of facing, instead of allowing Christ, instead of facing going through Samaria, they were taking more days to navigate and deter to go from Judea to Galilee. When you said that, what just came to my memory was the case of children of Israel.

As long as they were not willing to encounter and face the situation because what the scriptures says was, they could have gone through a shorter cut, right? But because the Lord didn't want them to get disappointed and discourage, he had to take them through. And I think that is prophetic for the church in 21st century and if you are a Christian which you are part of the body of Christ, that is highly prophetic for you that there are things, there are circumstances, there are things that the body of Christ is going through today. Can you see?

Don't forget that the Bible (the book of Hebrew) call the Israelites in the wilderness, he call them the church in the wilderness. Prophetically the church of Christ, the body of Christ which comes down to individuals who are Christian, we could be in a situation now in our days when we are actually delaying and just unnecessarily elongating things. We are not working into the dimension of the fullness of Christ simply because we are not presenting the gospel that is running through or going through Samaria. We just going round, avoiding issues, avoiding to attack issues with the gospel. Can you see?

And that is what happened to Peter, we read that last transmission where Peter, when it comes to eating with the gentiles, he wasn't going to apply the gospel to that. And that is why Paul said to him, I spoke to him because Peter was not acting in line with the gospel. That is what Paul said in Galatians 3. It means even though Peter believed the gospel, he was avoiding, he was going round the issues of fellowshiping with the gentiles. Peter was avoiding it all the time, not allowing the gospel to go through. Can you see?

Jesus must need go through Samaria. That is what we see there.

I am insisting they ought to add more to that because that three days journey is just a wilderness journey too.

It was Jordan desert.

Is even a desert, so is a wilderness.

That is what happened, when we don't allow the gospel. That is why even churches, ministry, place of worship today, people are just perambulating and just marking time.

Some people are lost in wilderness and expose robbery...

People have been robbed...

Yes, the Samaritans...

Knock Out series says "see that no man spoil you of your place in Christ."

Now, the reason people can spoil us of our possession in Christ is simply because we are not tackling or acting in line with the gospel, we are going around. Every time we go round issues, we are going desert journey and expose ourselves to unnecessary danger and perils.

People just steal from us, people take from us because we are avoiding to go through with the gospel, just going round it.

So it means if you stick with us on this particular Bucket ministry series. We are by the grace of God going to run through. We are going to move through Samaria. We are not going to avoid Samaria. We are going to see how the gospel applies, acting in line with the gospel running through every aspect of our lives, issues that ministry have avoided, issues that churches have avoided, places of worship they always avoid some things, No! don't touch that, by the grace of God we are going to go through Samaria prophetically speaking.

Ok.

Finally, see you next time as we continue.

Should you have any question or comments you know where to hit us, on our page. We will like to have further discussions on what we have share today. So you go to our Youtube page or Facebook page or the website so you can have all your questions answer. You can speak back to us and we talk back to you.

So till we see you next time, we want to say as you have receive Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him,

God bless you!!