

# **The Jesus We Talk About**

## **Seeing Jesus in the Women Who Entered His Life**

### **John 4:1-7**

In December, we plan to look closely at Jesus as He engages in a variety of real life encounters with His world. This evening we want to see Jesus as we look at a group of ladies who entered into His life. Considering the status of women in first century Palestine, the interactions we will observe are very revealing. Jesus appreciated women for their great value in all facets of life. Jesus encouraged, extolled, and cared about women.

#### **The Woman at the Well (Jn. 4:1-42)**

- Approaching the unapproachable
- Caring for those nobody cared for
- Saying what needed to be said
- Understanding her vulnerability
- Sharing a truth more plainly than with almost anyone else
- A place in the heart

#### **The Syrophenician Woman (Matt. 15:21-28)**

- Showcasing the strength of women
- Holding up a tremendous example of faith
- Allowing the power of love to be seen

#### **The Widow (Mk. 12:41-44)**

- The greatness of simplicity
- Trust uncluttered by things
- Noticing what really matters

#### **The Forgiven Woman (Lk. 7:36-50)**

- The inadequacies of our conventions
- A display of what is really out of place
- Thanksgiving when it is most real
- The desire to do something for Jesus

Did you notice none of these ladies are named. Was it the culture that suppressed this, I think not. Many women are named, some of which are shady at best (i.e. Matt. 1:3, 5). Their character was more important than their name. It was not so much what they were called as what they were. In seeing this greatness, Jesus reveals his own great heart.

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