

Pushing Back the Darkness!

Part 19: "The Invitation!"

**Saying good-bye to this series as we say hello to the *Prime Minister* of pushing back the darkness!
Jesus is our perfect example and we want to think like Him to be like Him to set people free!**

Previously on PBTB... Pressing the practical aspects of PBTB! Ps 147.3 Lk4.18 "As My Father has sent Me, even so, I now send you!" John 20.21 "As sheep among wolves." Mt10.16 "Empowered to tread over all the power of the enemy..." Lk10.19 "With a message of good news for the poor, broken, captive, blind, bruised, questionable and sinner, foolish to the perishing but powerful to save!" Mt 9.10 Luke4.18, 7.34, 15.11, Cor 1.18, 2Cor 2.15 "NOW is the day of acceptance!"

Called by Jesus to make up our minds to take His kingdom objectives by force! Commissioned to follow in His footsteps to rend the curtains of darkness! The greatest gift God can give to the blind of this world is the gift of sight!

John 4.1ff, The Primer! Jesus *left* Judea and departed again for Galilee. But He *needed* to go through Samaria. So He came to a city of Samaria which is called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Now Jacob's well was there. Jesus therefore, *being wearied from His journey*, sat down by the well. It was about the sixth hour.

Elements... He "left" Judea, v3 *aphiemi*: to leave clean, "forgiven" 47x This was the place He had been rejected by the Pharisees... He made His presentation and it was snubbed... And He moved on *w/o offenses!*

**"He was the Light of men, shining in the darkness, but the darkness didn't comprehend Him..."
J1.4,5 He acknowledged the reality with reason!**

He "needed" to go through Samaria, to Sychar! v4,5 Absolutely no navigational reason to take a detour... Other Jews gladly avoided the area/ people...

**But Jesus went out of the way because His heart and kingdom were different! (will of God!)
He walked into the heat of a hostile environment to touch a heart prepared by God!**

And being "wearied" with His journey He sat at the well! v6 Fatigued by "hard work," stops at Jacob's well, *but still working!* Where the famous discourse with the Samaritan woman happened... "If you knew who I was you would ask Me for a drink!" **v10** "You are pretty knowledgeable... but when Messiah comes..." **v25** "I am Him!" **v26** Where the miraculous results of their conversation began... "Come and see the Christ! And they came and heard Him and believed on the Savior of the world!" **v29,39-42** Where the invitation to join Him in His works – God's will was issued!

The Invitation! Don't say there is still plenty of time (the day of acceptance is now!)... Lift up your eyes, to look where I am looking... Look on the fields, to see what I am seeing... Reap and receive wages, here, and gather fruit for eternity!

**Jesus came as the gift of God to open the eyes of the blind... those who don't get it...
And those who say they do!**

Don't say there is still plenty of time to do His work/will! "the day of acceptance is now!" Get focused on that truth! Set aside all the weights and distractions and offenses! Be ready to go out of your way! Easy way isn't naturally the right way! Enter the fields though the way/work can be hard! For your rewards are great!

Finale... *It's possible to walk with Jesus and see His works... And not see the people He wants us to minister to! To talk with Jesus, and hear Him... And not be "moved" to do what He says! But, it's possible to be His, and to be awakened from "sleep..."* To receive the gift He gave and be the gift He saved for our worlds!