

Skepticism

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“Skeptic” = A person who...

- Questions the validity or authenticity of something purporting to be factual
- Maintains a doubting attitude, as toward values, plans, statements, or the character of others
- Doubts the truth of a religion, especially Christianity, or of important elements of it

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Overview

Two People:

A Disgraced Woman / Bad Samaritan, 4:1-30
A Desperate Father / Powerless Official, 4:46-54

Two Problems:

Burden of Thirst / Searching For Fulfillment
Invasion of Death / Searching For a Cure

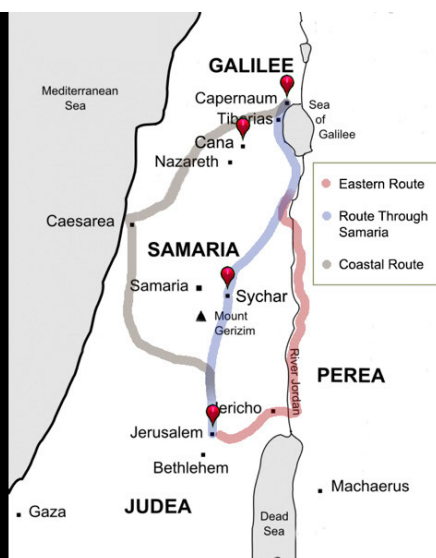
Two Proofs:

The Woman and People, 1:39-42
The Man and His Family, 1:52-54

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¹Now when Jesus learned that the Pharisees had heard that Jesus was making and baptizing more disciples than John ²(although Jesus Himself did not baptize, but only His disciples), ³He left Judea and departed again for Galilee. ⁴And He had to pass through Samaria. —**John 4:1-4 ESV**

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Observations

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“Racism is not caused by skin,
but by sin.” —Rick Warren

²⁶And He made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, ²⁷that they should seek God... —Acts 17:26-27a ESV

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¹³Jesus said to her, “Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again.

The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.” ¹⁵The woman said to Him, “Sir, give me this water, so that I will not be thirsty or have to come here to draw water.” —John 4:13-15 ESV

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...for My people have committed two evils: they have forsaken Me, the fountain of living waters, and hewed out cisterns for themselves, broken cisterns that can hold no water. —Jeremiah 2:13 ESV

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“There are yet four months, then comes the harvest? Look, I tell you, lift up your eyes, and see that the fields are white for harvest.”

—John 4:35 ESV

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Insights for Effective Gospel Conversations

- Begin with a common connection
- Transit from common material issues of life into the greater spiritual needs of life
- Expect skepticism and prepare for resistance based on distorted instruction and past religious experience
- Assert the testimony of the gospel and its gracious promise—too good to be true!
- Offer clarification for validation—Jesus is not an accessory
- Trust the POWER of Jesus’ name—“I AM”

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Outcomes

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³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; ³¹but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in His name. —John 20:30-31 ESV

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“Faith is the medium of exchange in the kingdom of Heaven.” —Adrian Rogers

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And he himself believed, and all his household. —John 4:53b ESV

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“The gospel has not been diminished in its power, but it is often suppressed in our fears.”

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And this is eternal life, that they know You the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent. —John 17:3 ESV

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The Spirit and the Bride say,
“Come.” And let the one who
hears say, “Come.” And let the
one who is thirsty come; let
the one who desires take the
water of life without price.

—Revelation 22:17 ESV

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