

Wreck the Halls: *Jesus was Born to Wreck Your Culture (John4:7-30)*

Intro: What is the Christian's culture? Is Christianity just a Western-culture religion? How can Christianity work in all cultures and over all time periods through history?

***Gk. word for church is ekklesia (ek-klay-see-ah) – *called out ones*

*Where is the Christian's cultural citizenship? _____ – *Phil.3:20; (early church – I am a Christian)*

*The Christian, those called out by God into a body, are all ONE in Christ! *Col.3:8-11*

1. Jesus Wrecks Her Cultural Racism (Jn4:4,7-9)

A. Jews and Samaritans (*gives more insight into Good Samaritan in Luke11*)

1. Samaritans were poor Jews who intermarried with foreigners; started back in 722B.C. when Assyrians deported prominent Jews and left poor Jews, who then intermarried with Assyrians

2. Hated each other based on ethnic, religious and political views – would kill each other!

*Consider: Samaritans won't let *Jesus* pass, Peter asks to call down *fire* on them!

3. Would not eat one another's food, or *share same dishes* (*vs.9 is a big deal, Jesus asking her to get him a drink!*)

4. Jews attack Jesus in Jn.8:47, call Him a Samaritan with a demon!

B. Jesus gladly, lovingly wrecks the culture of racism to _____ her and the city for salvation!

*Racism then, was our racism in U.S. on major steroids! We have not seen this kind of racism.

2. Jesus Wrecks Her Cultural Gender Inequality (Jn4:6-9,27)

A. Just to be clear, Jesus establishes there are only _____ genders and you can't change them.

1. He quotes Gen2:24 in Matt19:5 – that defines marriage and gender

2. John10:30; Col1:15-16 – He and the Father are One, Gen1:27-28 – establishes 2 genders

B. Her cultural _____ identity was an adulterer/prostitute Samaritan woman

1. *vs.6,17,18* – she is there _____ 6th hour/noon because she is an adulterer – she was an outcast

2. *vs. 7-8,27* - Women were below men in social status; the disciples are taken back that Jesus is even talking to her

C. Jewish culture, a Samaritan, woman prostitute was _____ of people in society, worse than dog

1. Jesus gladly, lovingly wrecks the culture of gender identity to reach her and the city!

2. Jesus and church elevated women never seen before in world. (*2 diff. roles but equal*)

3. Jesus Wrecks Her Cultural Religion (Jn.4:20-26)

A. 400B.C. Samaritans build a _____ temple on Mt. Gerazim, torn down by Jews in 200B.C.

*Samaritans acknowledged Pentateuch, not rest of Jewish Scriptures, their mnt. place of worship

B. Jesus wrecks her cultural religion by making the focus worshipping _____, not at a place. He wrecks it, showing her the Father sent the Messiah to gather worshipers who would worship Him in Spirit and Truth wherever they were, and then revealed Himself and where He came from! (Jews)

4. Has Jesus Wrecked Your Culture?

A. Consider our cultural issues: _____, gender, abortion, marriage, politics...

*Jesus is the Truth to those issues; He cares not the culture of our day! ***He calls us out to Him!***

*Racism wrong ***both*** ways! Gender – only 2! Abortion is murder! Marriage: 1man/1woman life!

***Story:** *our family at About My Father's Business...*

B. John 3-4, Jesus points us to 2 ends of the _____: lowly Samaritan woman and highly respected Pharisee Nicodemus, ***both desperately need Jesus/salvation!*** *** (*John3:36!!!*)

C. 2 Things Jesus was _____ to do in this passage; His life and sustained Him! ***John4:34!***

1. Woman (the lost) to salvation

2. The Disciples – to their calling, the fields are white unto harvest

********How about YOU? Where are YOU today?!!!***