

# HEALING FOR OUR DEEPEST HURTS

## WDJD – What Did Jesus Do? – Part 3

John 4:1-42

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### WHAT DID JESUS SAY AND DO?

**1. Baptism was of great importance to Jesus.**

*Jesus knew the Pharisees had heard that he was baptizing and making more disciples than John. – John 4:1 NLT*

**2. Jesus crossed ethnic and social barriers because He cared about people.**

*Soon a Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, “Please give me a drink.” ...The woman was surprised, for Jews refuse to have anything to do with Samaritans. – John 4:7 & 9 NLT*

**3. Jesus claimed to be able to satisfy the deepest urges in our lives.**

*Jesus replied, “Anyone who drinks this water will soon become thirsty again. But those who drink the water I give will never be thirsty again. It becomes a fresh, bubbling spring within them, giving them eternal life.” – John 4:13-14 NLT*

*“My people have committed two sins: They have forsaken me, the spring of living water, and have dug their own cisterns, broken cisterns that cannot hold water.” – Jeremiah 2:13 NIV*

**4. Jesus was direct in bringing painful issues to light.**

*“Go and get your husband,” Jesus told her. “I don’t have a husband,” the woman replied. Jesus said, “You’re right! You don’t have a husband—for you have had five husbands, and you aren’t even married to the man you’re living with now. You certainly spoke the truth!” – John 4:16-18 NLT*

**5. Jesus predicted that He would transform faith from rituals into a personal connection with God.**

*“But the time is coming—indeed it’s here now—when true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth. The Father is looking for those who will worship him that way.” – John 4:23 NLT*

### WHAT CAN WE LEARN FROM JESUS’ WORDS AND ACTIONS?

**1. Baptism and public professions of our faith are vital parts of following Jesus.**

*Then Jesus went from Galilee to the Jordan River to be baptized by John. – Matt. 3:13 NLT*

***"So go and make followers of all people in the world. Baptize them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit."** – Matt. 28:19 ERV*

- 2. The gospel is often most effective in reaching the rejected and marginalized.**

***"You know the saying, 'Four months between planting and harvest.' But I say, wake up and look around. The fields are already ripe for harvest." ...Many Samaritans from the village believed in Jesus....** – John 4:35 &39 NLT*

- 3. Without God's insight and power, our lives are driven by felt needs.**

***...there are many whose conduct shows they are really enemies of the cross of Christ. They are headed for destruction. Their god is their appetite, they brag about shameful things, and they think only about life here on earth.** – Philippians 3:18-19 NLT*

- 4. Only when we get honest about our deepest hurts and failures can we experience healing.**

***Jesus answered, "You've had five husbands, and the man you are with now isn't your husband. You have spoken the truth." The woman said, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet."** – John 4:18-19 CEB*

***So always tell each other the wrong things you have done. Then pray for each other. Do this and God can heal you.** – James 5:16 ERV*

- 5. We must consciously work to move beyond religious rituals in worship.**

***"Your worship must engage your spirit in the pursuit of truth. That's the kind of people the Father is looking for: those who are simply and honestly themselves before him in their worship. God is sheer being itself—Spirit. Those who worship him must do it out of their very being, their spirits, their true selves, in adoration."** – John 4:23-24 MSG*