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God does nothing by accident! In John 4:4 states, "And He must needs go through Samaria." It's at this point that we see the Lord Jesus Christ going from dealing with a Moral Jewish Man in John 3, to dealing with an Immoral Samaritan Woman that we read about here in John 4.

Jesus Christ the Son of God, made no mistake when He came into the lives of either of these two people; it was no accident that Nicodemus came to Him by night; Jesus was waiting on him. It was no accident that the Samaritan Woman came to Jacob's well and happened to find Jesus there; He was waiting for her. As the late H.A. Ironside puts it in his commentary on the Gospel of John, "Long before the creation of the world it had been settled in the counsels of eternity that He was to meet a poor, sinful, Samaritan Woman that day. He could not forego that appointment." The key to all of this is provided in three words in today's text: "He must needs."

Everything that the Lord Jesus Christ did while on this earth had a purpose. Every word that He spoke had a purpose for His speaking it. He never spoke an idle word. Everywhere that He went, He had a purpose for going that way; He never took a wasted step. When Jesus came to this earth as a babe in the manger at Bethlehem, it was for a purpose. When Jesus hung on the Cross of Calvary, it was for a purpose. When He arose from the grave, it was for a purpose.

Notice three things that Jesus did according to His purpose. First of all He saved us according to His purpose when we didn't even know Him. 2 Tim. 1:9-10 states, "Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began, But is now made manifest by the appearing of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who hath abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality to light through the gospel:" Have you ever thought about just where you were or what kind of life you were living when the Lord saved you. It certainly was not one that would get you to heaven, because we see where He came to the moral and the immoral alike. No my friend! Jesus saw you and He saw me in our lost condition, away from God with no hope for eternity. Remember that Jesus did not come to this earth to heal those who did not need a doctor; He came to heal the afflicted, and in this case those who were sinfully afflicted and that excluded no one. No one my friend will be saved by accident; God never has and never will be surprised that any certain individual got saved.

Secondly, Jesus called us according to His purpose. Romans 8:28 states, "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to His purpose." Just as we quoted Ironside earlier in the message we see that God had a predetermined plan in effect when He came to where we were in our lost condition. When Jesus spoke to this Samaritan Harlot, He was just not carrying on with idle conversation; He was instituting a call to her that had been planned before the world even begun. If we were to read the complete text we would see that He knew everything about her background. In fact not only did He know everything about her, He knew everything about those with whom she had a relationship with. And still knowing all that He did about her, He still called her; and knowing all that He did about me, He still called about me. What a picture of the Grace of God here in just this one verse of John 4, "And He must needs go through Samaria."

Not only do we see that Jesus saves according to His purpose and that Jesus calls according to His purpose, but that He also: Destroyed the works of Satan according to His purpose. 1 John 3:8 states, "He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil." You might asked this question: if

Christ destroyed the works of Satan then how are people still sinning? Christ did not annihilate the works of Satan, or hasn't yet. What the word "destroy" here means is that Jesus rendered the works of Satan inoperative, or robbed him of his power according to Dr. Warren Wiersbe. To we that have been born again the power of Satan cannot destroy us. When the child of God does sin they cannot live with it. The Holy Spirit of God will remind them and they will eventually confess it and cry out for forgiveness. Many people today who claim to be saved but also live in open sin and think nothing of it, in fact find justification for the way that they live are people that I believe that God sees as counterfeits. After being confronted by Jesus about her sinful life, this lady in the text did not try to justify what she had done, but begin to tell others about Jesus, saying "Come, see a man, which told me all things that ever I did: is not this the Christ?" (John 4:29). She was no longer trying to sell herself to others in sinful pleasure; but she begin to tell them about one who came to where we she was and had given her a new life.

All these things were done according to the purpose of God. If you are reading this message today it is not by accident. God has a purpose in my publishing it on this Web Page and your reading it. You may say, but I'm not good enough to be saved! Well no one is good enough to be saved. That is why God purposed before time ever was to send His Son, "Slain as a lamb before the foundation of the world" just for you and me and for all the world that is lost.

Do you know Him today as your personal Lord and Savior?