

# Same Lesson:2 Responses

***A study of John 4:7-29 and John  
6:24-59***

# Contrasting Responses

- Woman at the well (John 4:7-29)

1. Jesus uses physical water/thirst to teach spiritual lesson (vs. 10)
2. “Give me this water” (vs. 15)
3. Jesus makes spiritual application (vs. 13b-14)
4. “Sir, I believe you are a prophet” (vs. 19)
5. Jesus elaborates (vs. 21-24)
6. Woman believes Him & gets others (vs. 28-30)

- Jews @ synagogue (John 6:24-59)

1. Jesus uses physical food & water to teach spiritual lesson (vs. 32-33)
2. “Evermore give us this bread” (vs. 34)
3. Jesus makes spiritual application (vs. 35-40)
4. **“Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph...?” (vs. 41-42)**
5. Jesus elaborates (v.s 44-58)
6. **The hungry Jews do not understand & stop following Him (vs. 66)**

# Lessons We Can Learn

- “Social Gospel” Approach Doesn’t Work
  - Defined: the church providing for the needs of the poor of the community.
  - No New Testament Authority for the church to utilize
    - “From Heaven or of Men” (Matt. 21:23-27)
    - “Do all in the name of the Lord” (Col. 3:17)
    - Laws of interpretation: approved example, direct statement, necessary conclusion

# Lessons We Can Learn

- “Social Gospel” Approach Doesn’t Work (cont.)
  - Focus on fleshly will reap fleshly reward-death
    - Carnal (4561) *symbol of what is external, or as the means of kindred; or by human nature (with its frailties and passions); fleshly*
    - Rom.8:5-8; 1 Cor. 1:18-31
  - What attracts must be maintained
    - Jn. 4:13 “Whoever drinketh of this water (physical) will thirst again.”
    - Jn. 6:26b “...ye seek me, not because ye saw the miracles, but because ye did eat of the loaves, and were filled.”
    - Participants in Church sponsored events

# Lessons We Can Learn

- “Social Gospel” Approach Doesn’t Work (cont.)
  - Truth seekers will not be interested in such foolishness!
    - Kingdom is not meat and drink (Rom.14:17-18)
    - God wants men to seek Him (Acts 17:26-27)
    - Commercials-distractions to the main event!
      - Unauthorized church programs distracts from the main duty of the church-teach the Gospel!
  - “Ends justifies means” is an unacceptable approach! (Rom. 3:8)

# Lessons We Can Learn

- Utilization of Authorized Teaching Tools
  - The Bible
    - God's word will do what is designed to do-save souls (Isaiah 55:11)
    - Salvation is only found in Biblical teaching (Rom. 1:16; 10:17)
    - God calls man only through the gospel (2 Thes. 2:14)
    - Man calls upon God only through obedience to the gospel (Acts 22:16)

# Lessons We Can Learn

- Utilization of Authorized Teaching Tools
  - The Physical World (Nature and Mannerisms)
    - Jesus used physical thirst and hunger to teach spiritual lessons.
    - Animals
      - Pigs, dogs (2 Pet. 2:22)
      - Wolves (Matt.7:15)
      - Wolves, sheep & snakes (Matt. 10:16)
    - Plants
      - Olive grafting (Rom. 11:17-22)
      - Grape vine & fruit (Jn. 15:1-6: Matt. 7:16-20)
      - Mustard (Matt. 13:31-32)
    - All of Creation
      - Psalms 19:1-4

# Lessons We Can Learn

- Receptiveness of “unrighteous” vs. “righteous”
  - Some perceived as “unrighteous” (non-religious) are seeking truth
    - “I know that when Messiahs cometh...when he comes, he will tell us all things” (Jn4:25)
    - Abimelech (Gen. 20)
    - Ninevites (Jonah 3)
    - The Woman Sinner (Luke 7:36-50)
  - Some perceived as righteous (religious) are not seeking truth
    - “Ye seek me, not because ye saw the miracles, but because ye did eat of the loaves and were filled” (John 6:26b).
    - The Chief Priests & Pharisees (John 11:47-48)
    - Diotrephes (3 John 9-10)
    - False Brethren (Gal. 2:4; 2 Pet. 2:1; 1 John 4:1)



# *Take Home*

- *Not step outside of proper Bible authority*
- *Use those teaching tools afforded to us*
- *Do not be selective in teaching*
- *Be among those seeking truth*