

8. What do you think it means that Jesus replaced religion with Himself?
(see, Col 2:14, Rom 13:8-10, Gal 3:21-25, 5:6)
9. What are the three questions Kory said Jesus answers?
10. How does He answer each of them?
11. Which is most poignant or meaningful for you? Why?
12. In what ways do you try to “make up” or “cover up” your past?
13. What would it mean for you to trust that Jesus has your past covered?
14. What is one thing you will take away from this message? How will you apply it?



“Jesus is the Answer”

Sermon Notes and Takehome

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“Jesus didn't ask how you got that way. He addressed the issue as it was. I believe that's what we need to do in churches--use the elements of grace and mercy the way he did.” –Carl Pollard

“People are looking for an answer, and I know that Answer is Jesus Christ.” –Eva Burrows

“Jesus is the God whom we can approach without pride and before whom we can humble ourselves without despair.” –Blaise Pascal

“We're more popular than Jesus now; I don't know which will go first, rock 'n' roll or Christianity.” –John Lennon

“He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.” –Colossians 1:15-17

Sermon Notes:

Scripture: John 4:1-26

Jesus answers life's most important _____.

1. How can we have _____ in the world?

- The Jews and Samaritans _____ each other.
- The Jews thought the Samaritans were _____ - _____.

Jesus broke down _____.

_____ doesn't deny right and wrong.

- It acknowledges wrong but says, "I _____ you anyway."

2. How can I _____ my _____?

- Humans feel _____.
- We're good at _____ ourselves.
- Relationship with Jesus is _____.

3. How can I be _____ from my _____?

- Everyone has something to _____.
- We spend our lives trying to _____ up or _____ up.
 - It makes us _____-focused.
- Jesus _____ our debt.

The Gospel isn't good _____, it's good _____!

Questions for Reflection and Application:

1. When you've heard the phrase, "Jesus is the answer" what was the first thing that came into your mind? Did you agree? Were you skeptical? Did you ever give it much thought?
2. What are some questions that can't be answered with "Jesus?"
3. Do you agree that we sometimes throw out the phrase, "Jesus is the answer" without really thinking about *how* Jesus might be the answer? Can you think of an example?

Read (or recap) the story of the woman at the well in John 4.

4. If you were the Samaritan woman and saw Jesus coming, what might have gone through your head?
5. Think about someone you've "hated" or didn't get along with. What was the reason? What was the "wall" between you?
6. How might Jesus respond to that situation? How could He break down the barrier between you?
7. In the message, Kory said, "At first glance, you might think Jesus is saying what religion you are doesn't really matter. All religions are equal. That *is* what He's saying...but He's not saying all religions are equally *good* for reaching God, what He's saying is that all religions are equally *inadequate* for reaching God." Do you agree? Why or why not?
8. What does Jesus mean in verse 24 when he says, "God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in spirit and in truth?"