

## Jesus' Passion for the Lost Demonstrated

Intro: John 4:1-42.

1. Jesus came to save the lost — Matt. 1:21; Heb. 2:9; Jn. 1:29.

Body:

I. Jesus focused on the present.

A. He did not allow the past to deter Him.

1. He was not discouraged by His failures — Jn. 6:66.

B. Do we focus too much on what we have accomplished?

1. Past accomplishments cannot deter us — Phil. 3:13-14.

C. Do we lay plans and waste the present? — Prov. 27:1.

D. We must focus on the present — 2 Cor. 6:2.

II. Jesus did not allow the desires of the flesh to prevent Him.

A. He was tired, thirsty, and hungry — 4:6-8.

1. The work of the Father — Jn. 4:30-34.

2. Was not weary in well doing — Gal. 6:9; 1 Cor. 15:58.

B. Jesus' focus was upon the work He was here to do.

1. Our focus should be likewise — Col. 3:1-3.

III. Jesus did not allow prejudice to restrict Him.

A. Jesus practiced — Mk. 16:15.

B. The Gospel is for all — Gal. 3:28.

C. We must not allow prejudice to restrict us — Acts 10:35.

IV. Jesus did not allow the woman's character to deter Him.

A. She was a sinner — 4:18.

1. Jesus associated with sinners — Matt. 9:10-12.

a. Not as companions — 1 Cor. 15:33.

B. The power to change men is found in the gospel, not in men.

V. Jesus did not allow her lack of interest to deter him — Jn. 4:9-29.

A. We must not become discouraged — Isa. 55:10-11.

Conc:

1. Jesus came that we might live.

a. He accomplished the task.

2. He has given us a task — Matt. 28:19-20.

a. We must be diligent in the task.