



# Knowing Christ

## Fruit for Life



**WHAT DRIVES YOU?**







## Jesus is ...

- The Christ

➤<sup>NAS</sup> **John 4:28** So the woman left her waterpot, and went into the city, and said to the men, <sup>29</sup> "Come, see a man who told me all the things that I have done; this is not the Christ, is it?" <sup>30</sup> They went out of the city, and were coming to Him.

## Jesus is ...

- The Savior of the World

➤<sup>NAS</sup> **John 4:39** And from that city many of the Samaritans believed in Him because of the word of the woman who testified, "He told me all the things that I have done." <sup>40</sup> So when the Samaritans came to Him, they were asking Him to stay with them; and He stayed there two days. <sup>41</sup> And many more believed because of His word; <sup>42</sup> and they were saying to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves and know that this One is indeed the Savior of the world."

## Everyone was Amazed

- NAS **John 4:27** And at this point His disciples came, and they were amazed that He had been speaking with a woman ...
- NAS **John 4:28** So the woman left her waterpot, and went into the city, and said to the men, ...
- NAS **John 4:42** and they were saying to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves and know that this One is indeed the Savior of the world."

## Motivation: Jesus

- <sup>NAS</sup> **John 4:34** Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to accomplish His work.
- <sup>NAS</sup> **Isaiah 61:1** The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, Because the LORD has anointed me To bring good news to the afflicted; He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to captives, And freedom to prisoners;<sup>2</sup> To proclaim the favorable year of the LORD, And the day of vengeance of our God; To comfort all who mourn,<sup>3</sup> To grant those who mourn in Zion, Giving them a garland instead of ashes, The oil of gladness instead of mourning, The mantle of praise instead of a spirit of fainting. So they will be called oaks of righteousness, The planting of the LORD, that He may be glorified.

## Motivation: Us

- NAS **John 4:35** "Do you not say, 'There are yet four months, and then comes the harvest'? Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes, and look on the fields, that they are white for harvest.<sup>36</sup> "Already he who reaps is receiving wages, and is gathering fruit for life eternal; that he who sows and he who reaps may rejoice together.<sup>37</sup> "For in this case the saying is true, 'One sows, and another reaps.'<sup>38</sup> "I sent you to reap that for which you have not labored; others have labored, and you have entered into their labor."

## Sowing and Reaping

- **NAS Proverbs 11:30** The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life, And he who is wise wins souls.
- **NAS Daniel 12:3** "And those who have insight will shine brightly like the brightness of the expanse of heaven, and those who lead the many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.

## More than Evangelism

- <sup>NAS</sup> **Romans 1:13** And I do not want you to be unaware, brethren, that often I have planned to come to you (and have been prevented thus far) in order that I might obtain some fruit among you also, even as among the rest of the Gentiles.
- <sup>NAS</sup> **1 Timothy 4:16** Pay close attention to yourself and to your teaching; persevere in these things; for as you do this you will insure salvation both for yourself and for those who hear you.
- <sup>NAS</sup> **James 5:19** My brethren, if any among you strays from the truth, and one turns him back,<sup>20</sup> let him know that he who turns a sinner from the error of his way will save his soul from death, and will cover a multitude of sins.

# Applications

## Equipped by the Spirit

- **NAS 1 Corinthians 12:4** Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit.<sup>5</sup> And there are varieties of ministries, and the same Lord.<sup>6</sup> And there are varieties of effects, but the same God who works all things in all persons.<sup>7</sup> But to each one is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.<sup>8</sup> For to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, and to another the word of knowledge according to the same Spirit;<sup>9</sup> to another faith by the same Spirit, and to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit,<sup>10</sup> and to another the effecting of miracles, and to another prophecy, and to another the distinguishing of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, and to another the interpretation of tongues.<sup>11</sup> But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually just as He wills.

## Prospered Sowing and Reaping

- NAS **1 Corinthians 3:5** What then is Apollos? And what is Paul? Servants through whom you believed, even as the Lord gave opportunity to each one. <sup>6</sup> I planted, Apollos watered, but God was causing the growth. <sup>7</sup> So then neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but God who causes the growth. <sup>8</sup> Now he who plants and he who waters are one; but each will receive his own reward according to his own labor. <sup>9</sup> For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, God's building.

# Conclusions

## Motivation: Jesus

- <sup>NAS</sup> **John 4:34** Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to accomplish His work.

## Imitating Jesus

- <sup>NIV</sup> **Hebrews 12:2** Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.
- <sup>NAS</sup> **1 Corinthians 11:1** Be imitators of me, just as I also am of Christ.
- <sup>NAS</sup> **Ephesians 5:1** Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children;<sup>2</sup> and walk in love, just as Christ also loved you, and gave Himself up for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God as a fragrant aroma.

## Three Greatest Needs in Life

- Water

➤<sup>NAS</sup> **John 4:14** but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall become in him a well of water springing up to eternal life.“

- Food

➤<sup>NAS</sup> **John 4:36** "Already he who reaps is receiving wages, and is gathering fruit for life eternal; ...

- Shelter

➤<sup>NAS</sup> **John 4:42** ...we have heard for ourselves and know that this One is indeed the Savior of the world."

## Perfectly Blessed

- <sup>NAS</sup> **2 Peter 1:2** Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord;  
<sup>3</sup> seeing that His divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness, through the true knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence. <sup>4</sup> For by these He has granted to us His precious and magnificent promises, in order that by them you might become partakers of the divine nature

## Amazed

- NAS **John 4:27** And at this point His disciples came, and they were amazed ...