

# SERMON NOTES

*Reason To Believe: Jesus Loves Sinners  
John 4:1-38*

The passage before us has much to say about Jesus, evangelism, how faith saves and satisfies, the dullness of His disciples, and much more. Today, we are going to focus on one reality we learn from this passage: JESUS LOVES SINNERS! Jesus doesn't just love sinners in some generic, abstract way. No, His love acts. Romans 5:8 is very clear: "God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." How can those of us who have experienced the love of God in Christ not have His compassion toward sinners? John 4 gives us a powerful picture of God's love for those that are far from Him. Jesus came with one primary purpose, to save sinners (Luke 19:10; John 20:31).

## **Key thought: Jesus loves sinners and so will !!**

"For the love of Christ controls us, having concluded this, that one died for all, therefore all died; and He died for all, so that they who live might no longer live for themselves, but for Him who died and rose again on their behalf."  
*2 Corinthians 5:14-15*

"Seeing the people, He felt compassion for them, because they were distressed and dispirited like sheep without a shepherd."  
*Matthew 9:36*

Jesus' compassion must be understood in two spheres; namely, that of (1) misery, and (2) sin.

## **It was His love and compassion for sinners that compelled Him to:**

- Travel in hostile territory in order to carry out His Father's mission.  
"For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost."  
*Luke 19:10*
- Recognize that people were not a hindrance to His Father's mission, they were His mission.
- Destroy man made barriers in order to carry out His Father's mission.
- Address sinfulness and offer new life to all who would believe.