

“ENCOUNTERING ROADBLOCKS”

JOHN 4:7-26

You know the look when you share the good news and the unbelieving listener misses it. Heavenly truths seem to evade this earthly person. He has that glazed-over appearance. It hasn't pierced the heart. Even Jesus experienced such responses – more than once.

HORIZONTAL RESPONSES TO THE GOSPEL

① R _____ (4:9)

Ironically, they dismiss the God they cannot _____ and create their own gods which they can _____.

Since such a temptation isn't limited to unbelievers, we too are challenged in the Bible to not walk by sight but by _____ (2 Corinthians 5:7).

② R _____ (4:11-12)

They seek to _____ everything to human understanding, logic, and insight.

Consequently, man blindly pursues a pathway of making judgment calls and _____ truth. A collapsing tent awaits this endeavor (Rom. 1:19-22)

③ R _____ (4:15)

Her _____ in wanting this water is purely recreational. It's to bring physical comfort to her life.

Exercise _____ with those who express interest in the gospel. There's a reason why only one of four soils in the parable of the sower yielded true fruit.

④ R _____ (4:17)

She identifies herself relationally and stakes her meritorious claim. Her subtle words introduce our preoccupation with _____-worth and _____-importance.

This interrupts the gospel conversation when we address the matter of _____.

Our greatest enemy isn't from _____ but from _____.

⑤ R _____ (4:19-20)

It will never provide a route to eternal life. Christ is the only way to the Father; Christ alone is the way to heaven.

⑥ R _____ (4:25)

While her _____ may be a little accurate, her eyesight is far from it. She remains blind to the fulfillment of this reality.

CONCLUSION

Jesus has come. He is the Messiah. The Promised One has arrived. Whatever reasoning or recollection or rituals you might have, Jesus is the answer. He alone is all you need.