

March 27, 2011 Third Sunday in Lent

(order of worship on the large screen)

Sermon Outline

A Communication Problem (John 4:4-30)

INTRODUCTION: *The farmer & the government bureaucrat - a matter of **miscommunication!***

- I. THERE'S A COMMUNICATION PROBLEM: in John's Gospel account
 - A. Jesus *had to go through* Samaria? (Verse 4)
 - B. Hear this clearly: a good word for you!

- II. THERE'S A COMMUNICATION PROBLEM: Between Jesus and the woman
 - A. Why, of all times, the *sixth hour*? (Verses 5-7)
 - B. A Samaritan woman, in public, at noon?! (Verses 7-9)
 - C. What's this *living water* stuff, Jesus? (Verses 9-15)
 - D. Mind your own business, Jesus! (Verses 16-18)
 - E. The old "smokescreen" didn't work on Jesus (Verses 19-25)
 - F. Lack of understanding doesn't stop Jesus' love (Verse 26)

- III. THERE'S A COMMUNICATION PROBLEM: With the disciples and with us
 - A. "Jesus, how could you!?" (Verse 27)
 - B. Here's the key to the story.... (Verses 28-29)
 1. She left her *water jar*
 2. What about *our water jars*?

3. **Let there be no communication problem:** Jesus is the true thirst quencher

CONCLUSION: **Clear communication** at WWII's Battle of the Bulge:
"Nuts!!"