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**Recap**

- We began John 4 and started exploring Jesus’ conversation with the “the woman at the well.” Jesus had to go through Samaria and stopped at Jacob’s Well.
- This was near Shechem, a place with a rich biblical history. John wants us to see that Jesus is far superior to Jacob, the ancestor of both Jews and Samaritans.
- Jesus broke social norms by asking this outcast Samaritan woman for a drink.
- The Samaritans didn’t accept the majority of the Bible. They had their own alternative worship site on their own sacred mountain.
- Jesus re-focused their conversation on her salvation. He said he could give her *living water*. That symbolized the Presence of His Spirit he wants to place within us. Throughout the Scriptures, God reveals Himself using the symbolism of water. Even at the end of the Bible, Jesus promises living water to thirsty souls.
- Jesus says that unlike the water from Jacob’s well, the water **he** gives will satisfy!

**Call Your Husband (John 4:11-17)**

*11 The woman said to Him, “Sir, You have nothing to draw with, and the well is deep. Where then do You get that living water? 12 Are You greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well, and drank from it himself, as well as his sons and his livestock?”*

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13 Jesus answered and said to her, “Whoever drinks of this water will thirst again, 14 but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst. But the water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life.”

15 The woman said to Him, “Sir, give me this water, that I may not thirst, nor come here to draw.” 16 Jesus said to her, “Go, call your husband, and come here.” 17 The woman answered and said, “I have no husband.” Jesus said to her, “You have well said, ‘I have no husband,’ 18 for you have had five husbands, and the one whom you now have is not your husband; in that you spoke truly.”

- Once again, she misapprehends and can’t get past the symbolism. Jesus has to make it clear that he’s talking about another kind or source of water.
- The word “springing up” literally means *to jump*. It’s used of people who got healed and started jumping! This is the geyser of life God places within you.
- When Jesus tells her to call her husband, she gets tight-lipped...
- By a revelation of the Holy Spirit, Jesus uncovers the truth. By any standard of morality in the ancient world, she was living immorally.
- Jesus didn’t need anyone to tell him what was in people’s hearts. This is an operation of the Holy Spirit’s gift of a *word of knowledge*.

### **Just A Prophet? (John 4:19)**

19 The woman said to Him, “Sir, I perceive that You are a prophet. 20 Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, and you Jews say that in Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship.”

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- As you and I might do, the woman deflects!
- *“It is always easier to talk theology than to deal with truth that is personally distressing.”* (D. A. Carson)
- She might have granted Jesus “prophet status,” but instead of repenting she sought to get Jesus bogged down in the old arguments about proper worship.
- Her language is argumentative: *“you Jews.”*

**Salvation Is Of The Jews (John 4:21-22)**

*21 Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe Me, the hour is coming when you will neither on this mountain, nor in Jerusalem, worship the Father. 22 You worship what you do not know; we know what we worship, for salvation is of the Jews.”*

- Jesus was too wise to let himself be drawn into a religious debate. He keeps the main thing the main thing.
- He points her to a time when the issue of where we worship will be irrelevant.
- However, he doesn’t compromise the truth and tells her that the Samaritans were worshipping what they did not know. They had altered God’s revelation, which is a grave error. God’s Word is his revelation to us, and we not only offend him but injure ourselves when we remove, alter, or add to his Word.
- By contrast, Jesus said we, meaning we Jews, *know* what we worship.
- Salvation is of the Jews: God chose them to deliver the revelation of God to the world. They were the custodians of the stream of revelation. Paul says the Jew has an advantage, chiefly because they had been given the Word.
- Jesus’ words disprove the lie that the N. T. or John’s Gospel is anti-Semitic.

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### **In Spirit And Truth (John 4:23-24)**

23 *“But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. 24 God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.”*

- This hour had not fully come, but it had come at least in him, in his person.
- Even now, the Father is seeking people like that to worship him. This is the fellowship God has been seeking with Man from the beginning.
- True worshipers will worship God in spirit and in truth. What does this mean?
  - *Truth* can mean truth in the sense of having a true and faithful heart. Having been born again, we can worship God in purity and in sincerity.
  - Truth can also mean truth in the sense of true doctrine. John says in his Second Letter: *For many deceivers have gone out into the world who do not confess Jesus Christ as coming in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist. Look to yourselves, that we do not lose those things we worked for, but that we may receive a full reward. Whoever transgresses and does not abide in the doctrine of Christ does not have God. He who abides in the doctrine of Christ has both the Father and the Son. If anyone comes to you and does not bring this doctrine, do not receive him into your house nor greet him; for he who greets him shares in his evil deeds.* (2 Jn. 7-11)
- And true worshipers will worship God in Spirit, because God is Spirit, and those who worship him **must** worship him in spirit and in truth.
  - First, there is a truth here about God. Our worship of Him must be spiritual and not carnal, not dependent upon anything of Man’s flesh.

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- Jesus wasn't saying God is **a** spirit, as if there are many spirits out there, and God's just one of them. He was saying that God in his being is spirit and not flesh. We cannot confine him to earthly worship.
- By Jesus placing his Spirit within you, you don't need to go **to** the Temple... you have **become** the Temple. You can render him spiritual worship anywhere.
- Spiritual worship is also worship that is done in the Holy Spirit. It is led by the Spirit, empowered by the Spirit, and happens in the Presence of the Spirit.
  - This worship includes and incorporates all the expressions of the Holy Spirit in worship that we see in the New Testament.
  - Whenever two or three are gathered in the Name of Jesus Christ, Jesus Himself is present through His Spirit in the midst of His people, in the midst of His Church — and He's worshipping the Father together with us.
- Jesus says we *must* worship God in this way.

**Messiah Is Here! (John 4:25-26)**

*25 The woman said to Him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When He comes, He will tell us all things." 26 Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am He."*

- One final attempt at deflection on the woman's part?
- The Samaritans had their own version of the Messiah whom they were awaiting. Now Jesus, astonishingly, reveals Himself as Messiah to her, for the first time.
- This is the first place where Jesus seems to give one of his "**I Am**" statements.

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**Everything I Ever Did! (Acts 4:27-30)**

*27 And at this point His disciples came, and they marveled that He talked with a woman; yet no one said, “What do You seek?” or, “Why are You talking with her?” 28 The woman then left her waterpot, went her way into the city, and said to the men, 29 “Come, see a Man who told me all things that I ever did. Could this be the Christ?” 30 Then they went out of the city and came to Him.*

- The disciples are amazed that Jesus is speaking with a woman, but nobody had the nerve to ask him why.
- Good advice when you’re dealing with Jesus: *“Get used to different!”*
- Notice the possible symbolism here of the woman leaving her waterpot.
- Despite her reputation, her whole demeanor must have forced the men of the city to at least take a look at Him!
- *“Come see a man who told me all things that I ever did!”* Here, the woman continues the pattern we’ve already seen: when you encounter Jesus, you just can’t help but tell people, *“Come and see!”*

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