

The Gospel of John

Lesson 4: *Spirit and Truth* John 4 (28 April - 2 May 26AD)

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7 When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, "Will you **give me a drink?**" 8 (His disciples had gone into the town to buy food.) 9 The Samaritan woman said to him, "You are a **Jew** and I am a **Samaritan woman**. How can you ask me for a drink?" (For **Jews do not associate with Samaritans**.)

10 Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and **who it is** that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you **living water**." 11 "Sir," the woman said, "you have nothing to draw with and the well is deep. Where can you get this living water? 12 Are you **greater** than our father Jacob, who gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did also his sons and his livestock?"

13 Jesus answered, "Everyone who drinks this water will be **thirsty again**, 14 but whoever drinks the water I give them will **never thirst**. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water **welling up** to eternal life." 15 The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water so that I **won't get thirsty** and have to keep coming here to draw water."

16 He told her, "**Go, call your husband** and come back."

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Jesus Saves a Samaritan Woman

Sunday 28 April 26AD. **John 4:1** Now Jesus learned that the Pharisees had heard that he was gaining and **baptizing more disciples** than John— 2 although in fact it was not Jesus who baptized, but his disciples. 3 So he left Judea and went back once more to Galilee. 4 Now he **had to go through Samaria**. (**It was a three day journey from Jerusalem to Galilee through Samaria. Why did he have to go through Samaria?**) 5 So he came to a town in Samaria called **Sychar (40 miles north of Jerusalem)**, near the plot of ground Jacob had given to his son Joseph. 6 **Jacob's well** was there, (**Jacob's well water was more pure than in Sychar**), and Jesus, **tired** as he was from the **journey**, sat down by the well. It was about **noon**. **Monday 29 April 26AD.**

7 When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, "Will you **give me a drink?**" (**Jesus asks the woman for a drink - He recognizes that men and women mutually need each other**) 8 (His disciples had gone into the town to buy food.)

9 The Samaritan woman said to him, "You are a **Jew** and I am a **Samaritan woman**. (**Men did not speak to women in public**) How can you ask me for a drink?" (For **Jews do not associate with Samaritans**.) (**Jews did not use Samaritans' utensils. Jesus went out of the way.**)

10 Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and **who it is** that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you **living water**." (**Living water - Spring Water - not still well water**) 11 "Sir," the woman said, "you have nothing to draw with and the well is deep. Where can you get this living water? 12 Are you **greater** than our father Jacob, who gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did also his sons and his livestock?" (**Jesus/Spirit is/gives Living Water.**)

John 7:37 On the last and greatest day of the festival, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, "Let anyone who is **thirsty** come to me and drink. 38 Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, **rivers of living water** will flow from within them."

John 4:13 Jesus answered, "Everyone who drinks this water will be **thirsty again**, 14 but whoever drinks the water I give them will **never thirst**. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water **welling up** to eternal life." 15 The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water so that I **won't get thirsty** and have to keep coming here to draw water." (**We never thirst because it continues to spring up.**)

16 He told her, "**Go, call your husband (Why does He say this?)** and come back." (**Jesus recognizes the headship of the husband. -)**

Ephesians 5:33 However, each one of you also must **love** his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must **respect** her husband.

1 Corinthians 14:34 Women ... must be in submission, as the **law** says. 35 If they want to inquire about something, they should ask their **own husbands** at home; ...

Genesis 3:16 To the woman he said, “I will make your pains in childbearing very severe; with painful labor you will give birth to children. Your desire will be for **your husband**, and he will **rule** over you.”

Numbers 30:6-15 “If she marries after she makes a vow ... 8 But if her husband forbids her when he hears about it, he nullifies the vow that obligates her ... 9 “Any vow or obligation taken by a **widow or divorced** woman will be binding on her. 10 “If a woman living with her husband makes a vow or obligates herself by a pledge under oath 11 and her husband hears about it but says nothing to her and does not forbid her, then all her vows or the pledges by which she obligated herself will stand. 12 But if her husband nullifies them when he hears about them, then none of the vows or pledges that came from her lips will stand. Her husband has nullified them, and the LORD will release her. 13 Her husband may confirm or nullify any vow she makes ...

Mark 10:6 “But at the beginning of creation God ‘made them **male and female**.’ 7 ‘For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife ... 9 Therefore what God has joined together, **let no one separate**.’ ... 11 ... “Anyone who **divorces** his wife and marries another woman commits **adultery** against her. 12 And **if she divorces** her husband and marries another man, she commits **adultery**.”

1 Corinthians 7:10 ... A wife must **not separate** from her husband. 11 But if she does, she must **remain unmarried** or else be reconciled to her husband. And a husband must not divorce his wife. ... **27** Are you pledged to a woman? **Do not seek to be released**. Are you free from such a commitment? **Do not look for a wife**. **28** ... But those who marry will face many **troubles** in this life, ... (**1/2, 2/3, 3/4, 4/5, 5/6, 6/7**)

Proverbs 5:15 Drink water from your own cistern, running water from your own well.

Romans 1:26 Because of this, God gave them over to shameful lusts. Even their **women (females)** exchanged natural sexual relations for unnatural ones. (**30% of GenZ females now claim to be lesbian. Each generation doubles so we are quickly becoming Sodom**)

2 Peter 2:7... rescued Lot, a righteous man, who was distressed by the depraved conduct of the lawless 8 (for that righteous man, living among them day after day, was tormented in his righteous soul by the lawless deeds he saw and heard)— 9 ... Lord knows how to rescue the godly ...

John 4:17 “**I have no husband**,” she replied. Jesus said to her, “You are right when you say you have no husband. 18 The fact is, you have had five husbands, and the man you now have is **not your husband**. What you have just said is quite true.” (**Jesus does not sanction this. He transforms her. Samaria had five gods and Yahweh was the sixth who was no husband of the Samaritans.**)

2 Kings 17:30 The people from **Babylon (confusion)** made **Sukthoth Benoth (tents of daughters)**, those from **Kuthah (burning)** made **Nergal (the great man)**, and those from **Hamath (anger)** made **Ashima (offense)**; 31 the **Avvites (iniquity)** made **Nibhaz (prophesying) and Tartak (prince of darkness)**, and the Sepharvites burned their children in the fire as sacrifices to **Adrammelek (splendor of the king) and Anammelek (image of the king)**, the gods of **Sepharvaim (two books)**. 32 They worshiped the LORD, but they also appointed all sorts of their own people to officiate for them as priests in the shrines at the high places. 33 They worshiped the **LORD (the I AM)**, but they also served their own gods in accordance with the customs of the nations from which they had been brought.

1 Timothy 3:2 Now the **overseer** is to be above reproach, **faithful to his wife**, temperate, ...

19 “Sir,” the woman said, “I can see that you are a prophet. 20 Our ancestors worshiped on **this mountain**, but you Jews claim that the place where we must worship is in **Jerusalem**.” (**Samaritan Pentateuch says Gerazim, instead of Ebal.**)

Deuteronomy 27:4 And when you have crossed the Jordan, set up these stones on Mount **Ebal, (Gerizim)** as I command you today, and coat them with plaster. (**A temple was built by Samaritans in 5thC BC on Mount Gerizim but destroyed in 128BC by John Hyrcanus.**)

Deuteronomy 12:3 Break down their altars, smash their **sacred stones** and burn their **Asherah poles** in the fire; cut down the idols of their gods and wipe out their names from those places. 4 You must not worship the LORD your God in their way. **5 But you are to seek the place the LORD your God will choose from among all your tribes to put his Name there for his dwelling. To that place you must go;** ... 7 There, in the **presence of the LORD** your God, ... 11 Then **to the place the LORD your God will choose (Jerusalem)** as a dwelling for his Name—there you are to **bring** everything I command you: your burnt offerings and sacrifices, your **tithes** and special gifts, and all the choice possessions you have vowed to the LORD.

1 Chronicles 22:1 Then David said, “The house of the LORD God is to be here, (**Jerusalem**) and also the altar of burnt offering for Israel.”

John 2:19 Jesus answered them, “Destroy this **temple**, and I will raise it again in three days.” (**Jesus is the new temple.**)

1 Corinthians 3:16 Don’t you know that you yourselves are God’s **temple** and that God’s Spirit dwells in your midst?

1 Corinthians 12:27 Now **you are the body of Christ**, and each one of you is a part of it.

Revelation 21:22 I did **not** see a **temple** in the city, because the Lord God Almighty and the **Lamb** are its **temple**.

John 4:21 “Woman,” Jesus replied, “believe me, a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. 22 You Samaritans **worship what you do not know; (They brought in Levites because they did not know how to worship)** we worship what we do know, for salvation is **from the Jews**. 23 Yet a **time is coming and has now come** when the true worshipers will worship the Father **in the Spirit and in truth**, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. 24 **God is spirit**, and his worshipers must worship in the **Spirit and in truth**.” (**Jesus’ crucifixion is the focus of worship.**)

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Deuteronomy 18:18 I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their fellow Israelites, and I will put my words in his mouth. **He will tell them everything I command him**.

John 4:26 Then Jesus declared, “I, the one speaking to you—I **am he**.” (**Jesus is the absolute being of God, the I AM.**)

27 Just then his disciples returned and were surprised to find him talking with a **woman**. (**Men did not talk with women in public**) But no one asked, “What do you want?” or “Why are you talking with her?”

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33 Then his disciples said to each other, “Could someone have brought him food?” (**Man cannot live by bread alone**)

Jesus Saves a Samaritan Village

34 “My food,” said Jesus, “is to do the will of him who sent me and to finish his work. 35 Don’t you have a **saying, ‘It’s still four months until harvest?’ (The time from planting - Passover, to reaping - Rosh Hashanah)** I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are **ripe** for harvest. 36 Even now the one who reaps draws a wage and harvests a crop for eternal life, so that the sower and the reaper may be glad together. 37 Thus the saying ‘One sows and another reaps’ is true. 38 I sent you to reap what you have not worked for. **Others** have done the hard work, and you have **reaped** the benefits of their labor.” (**Samaria is another field**)

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1 Corinthians 11:5 But every woman who prays or prophesies ...

“He told me everything I ever did.” 40 So when the Samaritans came to him, they urged him to stay with them, and he stayed **two days (Monday and Tuesday 29-30 April 26AD)**. 41 And because of **his words** many more became believers. (**Some couldn’t believe from her.**)

42 They said to the woman, “We no longer believe just because of what you said; now **we have heard for ourselves, (They had their own personal experience with Christ - We need this also)** and we know that this man really is the Savior of the world.”

43 **After the two days (Wednesday or Thursday 1 or 2 May 26AD)** he left for Galilee. 44 (Now Jesus himself had pointed out that a prophet has no honor in **his own country**.) 45 When he arrived in Galilee, the Galileans welcomed him. **They had seen** all that he had done in Jerusalem **at the Passover** Festival, for they also had been there. (**They had seen him cleanse the temple.**)

Matthew 13:57 ... But Jesus said to them, “A prophet is not without **honor** except in his own town and in **his own home**.”

Matthew 6:33 But **seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you**. ...

7:7 Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: