

# “The Gospel of John: An Angry Woman – Part 2”

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## Scripture

### John 4:15-26

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16He said to her, "Go, **call your husband and come here.**" The woman answered and said, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You have correctly said, 'I have no husband'; for you have had five husbands, and the one whom you now have is not your husband; this you have said truly."

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22"You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, **for salvation is from the Jews.** "But an hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for such people the Father seeks to be His worshipers.

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## Overview of the Gospels

- **Matthew** -> **Jewish flavor to the writing, portraying Jesus as the Christ and King**
- **Mark** -> **Jesus as the “Son of Man”, really Peter’s Gospel for the Gentiles**
- **Luke** -> **Jesus is Human and the Redeemer of Humanity**
- **John** -> **Jesus is the Divine “Son of God”**

## Why Write the Gospel?

Matthew, Mark and Luke’s Gospels were already around. Why another one?

## The Purpose for John’s Gospel

### John 20:30-31

“Therefore, **many other signs Jesus also performed** in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book;

But **these have been written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God**; and that **believing** you may have life in His name.”

Many events in John not recorded elsewhere

## An Angry Woman - Part 1 Recap

### The Divine Appointment

Samaria was a place for robbers. Most people took a well-worn path around Samaria to Galilee (see map)



The most direct path to Galilee was a direct North path through Samaria

Jesus **Had to** “Must Needs” Go -> Spirit Directed -> Divine Appointments

Some uses of the Greek *dei* – “to be necessary or must occur”

- Wars and Rumors of Wars
- Elijah must come first (attributed to John the Baptist)
- Jesus had to go to the cross

### Ephesians 2:10

“For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them.”

Certain interactions with people have been prepared ahead of time for us to complete

Jesus led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted (Matthew 4:1)

Paul and Barnabas being prevented from going into Asia by “the Spirit of Jesus” (Acts 16)

### The Woman at the Well

#### John 4:5-7

“So, He came to a city of Samaria called Sychar, near the parcel of ground that Jacob gave to his son Joseph; and **Jacob's well was there**. So, **Jesus, being wearied from His journey**, was sitting thus by the well. It was about the sixth hour. There came a woman of Samaria to draw water. Jesus said to her, “**Give Me a drink.**”

Sychar – half mile from Jacob's well – near Shechem -> between Mt. Ebal and Mt. Gerazim

Sixth hour -> noon, the middle of the day's heat

Jesus is Human -> He is Wearied

Jesus waits for the woman to show up

When she does, Jesus commands her to give Him a drink

## An Angry Woman

### John 4:8-9

“For His disciples had gone away into the city to buy food. Therefore, the Samaritan woman said to Him, "**How is it that You, being a Jew, ask me for a drink** since I am a Samaritan woman?" (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.)”

His disciples leave Him (In Samaria!!!) to go buy food

Obviously, He **provisionally** sent them away so he could have a 1:1 moment

**Evangelistic Teaching Moment: A one-on-one conversation is where discipleship begins**

They would not have left Him there unless He directed them to go

We learn a good bit about the Jews and Samaritan interactions from “The Good Samaritan”

### Luke 10:25-37 (The Good Samaritan)

Jesus breaks three protocols (not merely the one that John records)

1. Jewish men would not talk to an unknown woman in public
2. Jews would not interact with Samaritans
3. He commanded her to give Him a drink from her jar (which would have been ceremonial unclean)

Yet, Jesus is willing to break these customs -> it was a divine appointment

## Living Water

The living water would come in the Messianic (Millennial) Kingdom

God calls Himself the “fountain of living waters”

### Jeremiah 2:13

“For **My people have committed two evils**: They have forsaken Me, **the fountain of living waters** to hew for themselves cisterns. Broken cisterns that can hold no water.”

The people of Jeremiah's day (in Judah) had turned their back on God who was "the fountain of living waters"

The Samaritans **only used the Pentateuch** -> would have been unfamiliar with these prophets

Therefore, Jesus says, "If you knew who I am, you would have asked Me for **an everlasting drink!**"

### John 4:13-14

"Jesus answered and said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will thirst again; but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him shall never thirst; but the water that I will give him will become in him a well of water springing up to eternal life."

Jesus teaches her about spiritual life -> the eternal nature of the Spirit

**Living water is a consistently replenishing spiritual life** -> like we sang earlier, **where the Spirit of the Lord is...**

### Continuing Forward from verse 15

### John 4:15

"The woman said to Him, "Sir, **give me this water**, so I will not be thirsty nor come all the way here to draw."

She does not understand that Jesus is talking about spiritual life – **like Nicodemus's position**

Do you see the **contrast and similarity** here between Nicodemus and the Woman at the Well?

She wants to avoid having to come back a half mile each way during the heat of the day

**Divine appointments can be identified when the conversation gets personal**

**Evangelism Teaching Moment:** When the person you are discussing Jesus with moves the conversation to **being about themselves**, it is a sign that the Spirit is at work in them

### Jesus Gets Personal

**Jesus changes from teaching her about spiritual life to her specific spiritual condition**

### John 4:16-18

"He said to her, "Go, **call your husband and come here.**" The woman answered and said, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You have correctly said, 'I have no husband'; for you have had five husbands, and the one whom you now have is not your husband; this you have said truly."

Jesus sets her up a bit -> We know that **He knows everything that is in man** -> John 2

But Jesus shows Jesus Shows His Omniscience (again)

- He knew where Nathanael was under the fig tree
- He knew what Nicodemus was thinking when he came to see Him

Now, He knows that she has no husband -> but FIVE previous ones

## John 4:19

"The woman said to Him, "**Sir, I perceive that You are a prophet.**"

Really? Ya think?

She states the obvious: Jesus has supernatural insight – it must be from God – **He IS God in the flesh!**

Now that **Jesus has her attention**, He can teach a little more about worship

Pastors get interesting questions from people -> when they get you alone, what they really want to know is...?

## Jesus Explains Worship

### John 4:20

"Our fathers worshipped in this mountain, and **you people say that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship.**"

"Our fathers worshipped in this mountain" – Mt. Gerizim

According to Genesis 12:6–7, Abraham built an altar there

In Genesis 33:18–20, Jacob constructed an altar there as well.

Deuteronomy 27 records that Mt. Gerizim called the "mount of blessing" -> entering the Promised Land

### Deuteronomy 27:4-14

"So, it shall be when you cross the Jordan, you shall set up on Mount Ebal, these stones, as I am commanding you today, and you shall coat them with lime. "Moreover, you shall build there an altar to the LORD your God, an altar of stones; you shall not wield an iron tool on them. "**You shall build the altar of the LORD your God of uncut stones, and you shall offer on it burnt offerings to the LORD your God;** and you shall sacrifice peace offerings and eat there and rejoice before the LORD your God. "**You shall write on the stones all the words of this law very distinctly.**" Then Moses and the Levitical priests spoke to all Israel, saying, "Be silent and listen, O Israel! This day you have become a people for the LORD your God. "You shall therefore obey the LORD your God and do His commandments and His statutes which I command you today."

11Moses also charged the people on that day, saying, "When you cross the Jordan, **these shall stand on Mount Gerizim to bless the people:** Simeon, Levi, Judah, Issachar, Joseph, and Benjamin. "For the curse, these shall stand on Mount Ebal: Reuben, Gad, Asher, Zebulun, Dan, and Naphtali. "The Levites shall then answer and say to all the men of Israel with a loud voice"

She says, "**YOU PEOPLE!**" -> she is still a little miffed at her people being outcasts, but wants to know the truth

She wants to know, "What is the correct place to worship?"

In the O.T., God showed up at the meeting place.

In the N.T., God indwells His people

## John 4:21

"Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe Me, **an hour is coming when neither in this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father.**"

Jesus says that an hour is coming when worship will be wherever you are!

Worship will end at Mt. Gerazim and then Jerusalem will eventually be destroyed (A.D. 70).

This day has come for us, we can worship Him in any location – multiple churches in our community

**But she has a problem:**

## John 4:22-23

"**You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for **salvation is from the Jews**. "But an hour is coming, and now is, **when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth**; for such people the Father seeks to be His worshipers.**

She doesn't know the God whom she supposedly worships

She might know His name...

She might know the O.T. stories...

**But she is not acquainted with Him...**

Samaritans do not worship based on personal relationship

Jesus says that the Jews DO worship based on relationship

**Acts 19:13-16** (**It's not about knowing His name**)

"Some of the Jewish exorcists, who went from place to place, attempted to name over those who had the evil spirits the name of the Lord Jesus, saying, "**I adjure you by Jesus whom Paul preaches.**" Seven sons of one Sceva, a Jewish chief priest, were doing this.

And the evil spirit answered and said to them, "**I recognize Jesus, and I know about Paul, but who are you?**" And the man, in whom was the evil spirit, leaped on them and subdued all of them and overpowered them, so that they fled out of that house naked and wounded."

These exorcists hoped to just name the name without having the "spiritual relationship" -> they got pounded

Salvation is from the Jews -> **the Savior of the whole world was a Jew**

We **must remember** that God is not finished with Israel or Jerusalem

True Worshipers worship in Spirit and truth -> spiritual worship with the indwelled Spirit of truth!

## Romans 12:1

"Therefore, I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to **present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice**, acceptable to God, which is **your spiritual service of worship.**"

Our worship is spiritual when the Spirit lives within us

The Father seeks (and draws) worshippers to come to Jesus

**John 6:44**

“No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him; and I will raise him up on the last day.”

Jesus teaches about the Father – He is a spiritual being (as are we when we come to Him in faith)

**John 4:24**

“God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.”

**Jesus Reveals His Identity**

**John 4:25-26**

“The woman said to Him, “I know that Messiah is coming (He who is called Christ); when that One comes, He will declare all things to us.” Jesus said to her, “I who speak to you am He.”

She is (and the Samaritans are) LOOKING for the MESSIAH!

Jesus declared Himself to be God, in the flesh...

There should be no doubt at all concerning this!

He was the Prophet that the Old Testament prophesied that would come (Moses in Deuteronomy 18:15)

He is the Messiah that the Jews rejected.

We truly worship Him ONLY when we have the Holy Spirit within us.

What do we learn about this meeting with the woman so far?

- Jesus had divine appointments (and so do believers)
- Jesus was called to reach the outcasts of society (and believers are so called, too!)
- Jesus broke many cultural boundaries to reach out (and believers should also reach out)
- Jesus patiently dealt with an angry woman (and believers should also be patient)
- Jesus spoke the truth about spiritual life (and believers should speak simple truth)
- Jesus spoke the truth about true worship (and believers should speak simple truth)
- Jesus was personal and very direct with the woman (and believers should speak directly)

What are we doing to reach out to “our” outcasts?

May we follow Jesus’s example and do likewise...

**Communion**

**Prayer**

**Benediction**