

John 20:

³⁰ And many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book:

³¹ But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ (Messiah), the Son of God; and that believing you might have life through his name.

- Tonight John is going to introduce us to the testimony of another witness, the woman of Samaria

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³ He left Judea and departed again to Galilee. ⁴ But He must needs go through Samaria. ⁵ So He came to a city of Samaria which is called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob gave to his son Joseph.

- Through Samaria is not the normal route that the Jews took between Jerusalem and Galilee because of the tremendous animosity between the Jews and the Samaritans.
- In 722 BC the Northern Kingdom fell to the Assyrians who took the people out of the land and repopulated them elsewhere, and the Assyrians also brought other people in to the land of the Northern Kingdom (2 Kings 14). Due to problems with lions in the land, a Jewish priest was returned to the land to teach the peoples about the customs of the God of the land.

- Those in the Northern Kingdom were considered half breeds by the Jews.
- The Southern Kingdom later went into captivity in Babylon and after 70 years returned to the land. When those from the Northern Kingdom offered to help rebuild the Temple, their offer was rejected and this offense caused animosity between the Jews and Samaritans that never ended
- Because of this hostility, the Jews from the Galilee region coming to Jerusalem to worship God would do their best to bypass Samaria.
- What Jesus did was very scornful to a Jew.



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⁶ Now Jacob's well was there. Jesus therefore, being wearied from *His* journey, sat thus by the well. It was about the sixth hour (noon). ⁷ A woman of Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give Me a drink." ⁸ For His disciples had gone away into the city to buy food. ⁹ Then the woman of Samaria said to Him, "How is it that You, being a Jew, ask a drink from me, a Samaritan woman?" For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans. ¹⁰ Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is who says to you, 'Give Me a drink,' you would have asked Him, and He would have given you living water."

- Question, is Jesus talking about H₂O?



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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?

- She doesn't grasp his train of thought nor does she realize that Jesus is talking to her about something that is spiritual

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?”

- We know the answer

¹³ Jesus answered and said to her, “Whoever drinks of this water will thirst again,

- A profound statement that should be written over every ambition that we have in life

- What is it that you think will bring you satisfaction and happiness?
- What goals do you hope to fulfill?
- What possessions do you desire to acquire?
- Whatever it is write over the top of it “Drink of this water and you will thirst again”
- What examples can you think of where you greatly desired something and now you hardly think about it if at all?

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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.”

- She is clueless what Jesus means but she agrees to go along with him.

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¹⁶ Jesus said to her, “Go, call your husband, and come here.”

- In my opinion, I believe that Jesus wants to assure her that he is not making a flirtatious pass at her while setting up the discussion that follows
- HP experience

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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.” ¹⁹ The woman said to Him, “Sir, I perceive that You are a prophet.”

- With a word of knowledge, Jesus cuts through any mask the woman might have hid behind
- She came to the realization that I’m not fooling this man
- Yes, she did have an emptiness in her life that she was unable to fulfill no matter how many husbands she had.
- Like Nicodemus she realized that Jesus was sent from God.

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²⁰ Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, and you *Jews* say that in Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship.”

- With the mask off, the question came “Where can I find God?”

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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.”

- The Samaritans had a form of religion with sacrifices, but they really did not understand who they were worshiping
- God chose the people of Israel to bring forth the Messiah

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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.”

- Jesus told Nicodemus that he must be born again to see and enter the Kingdom of God. There has to be a spiritual awakening
- It is in the realm of the Spirit where man meets God, and that you cannot have until you are born again
- Nicodemus was a very moral man while this woman was not, but the message to both was the same.
- In spirit and truth, we need both

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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.”

- The Jews were waiting for the Messiah to come about the same time frame when Jesus came. But the Jews had a wrong idea about the coming of the Messiah and were looking for His glorious reign. They overlooked the sufferings of their Messiah.
- The Samaritans “religion” must have included a Messiah
- This woman was looking for a Messiah to teach them all things about God.

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²⁶ Jesus said to her, “I who speak to you am *He*.”

- This is the first recorded instance of Jesus directly revealing that He is the Messiah to a person, and to a very shady one at that.
- Others had said it of him earlier (Nathaniel and Phillip), but Jesus never acknowledged them.
- Later on Jesus will ask his disciples who do men say that I am?

Matthew 16:

¹³ When Jesus came into the region of Caesarea Philippi, He asked His disciples, saying, “Who do men say that I, the Son of Man, am?”

¹⁴ So they said, “Some *say* John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” ¹⁵ He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” ¹⁶ Simon Peter answered and said, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” ¹⁷ Jesus answered and said to him, “Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed *this* to you, but My Father who is in heaven.”

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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?”

- Jewish Rabbis according to tradition would never talk to a woman alone. Not only is Jesus talking to a woman, but to a Samaritan woman.
- Also realize that the woman was there when the disciples arrived back on the scene watching how the disciples respectfully treated this religious man.

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²⁸ The woman then left her water pot, 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. Is not this the Christ?” ³⁰ Then they went out of the city and came to Him.

- She believed

John 4:

³¹ In the meantime His disciples urged Him, saying, “Rabbi, eat.”

³² But He said to them, “I have food to eat of which you do not know.” ³³ Therefore the disciples said to one another, “Has anyone brought Him *anything* to eat?” ³⁴ Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to finish His work.”

- On the cross Jesus said “It is finished”
- Finished was God’s work of redeeming lost humanity, restoring wrecked lives
- He made the way for us to drink of the water of life never to thirst again

John 4:

³⁵ Do you not say, 'There are still four months and *then* comes the harvest'? Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes and look at the fields, for they are already white for harvest!

- What fields? What point is Jesus making here?
- Perhaps Jesus was pointing to the coming Samaritan men.

Luke 10:

¹ After these things the Lord appointed seventy others also, and sent them two by two before Him into every city and place where He Himself was about to go. ² Then He said to them, "The harvest truly *is* great, but the laborers are few; therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest.

John 4:

³⁶ And he who reaps receives wages, and gathers fruit for eternal life, that both he who sows and he who reaps may rejoice together. ³⁷ For in this the saying is true: 'One sows and another reaps.' ³⁸ I sent you to reap that for which you have not labored; others have labored, and you have entered into their labors."

1 Corinthians 3:

⁵ Who then is Paul, and who *is* Apollos, but ministers through whom you believed, as the Lord gave to each one? ⁶ I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the increase. ⁷ So then neither he who plants is anything, nor he who waters, but God who gives the increase. ⁸ Now he who plants and he who waters are one, and each one will receive his own reward according to his own labor.

– One sows, one waters, one reaps. We are all working for the same cause

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³⁹ And many of the Samaritans of that city believed in Him because of the word of the woman who testified, “He told me all that I ever did.” ⁴⁰ So when the Samaritans had come to Him, they begged Him to stay with them; and He stayed there two days. ⁴¹ And many more believed because of His own word. ⁴² Then they said to the woman, “Now we believe, not because of what you said, for we ourselves have heard *Him* and we know that this is indeed the Christ, the Savior of the world.”

- The Samaritans who were not encumbered with Jewish baggage believed the words of Jesus
- They realized that Jesus must be the Savior of the world because he came to them

