

Series "Jesus: God And Savior"
"Living Water"
John 4:1-26
Part-11

John 4:1-15

John 3 contains the discourse of Jesus and Nicodemus (Religious Leader, Sinner). **John 4** – Jesus with a Samaritan Woman (Non-Religious, Sinner).

Public Ministry: (3 years) John 1:19-12:50

Theme Of John – "Jesus: God And Savior"

Thought Of Our Passage: "Mankind's Greatest Need Is To See Ourselves As Sinners And To See Jesus As The Only Savior."

1. Verses 1-8 – The Detour

2. Verses 9-26 – The Discussion

1. Verses 1-8 – The Detour:

John 4:1

"Therefore" – John left off in John 3:22-36 where Jesus and John the Baptist were both baptizing and preaching at the Jordan.

John 3:26

"when the Lord" – "Owner, master, one who has full authority or dominion." The popularity of Jesus was growing. John 3:25

John 4:2-3

"He left" – literally means "He forsook or abandoned Judea." Jesus did not want the appearance of rivalry, Luke 3:19.

"left Judea and went away again into Galilee." – distance from Aenon to Sychar, about 20 miles.

John 4:4 – "Samaria" – lies between Judea and Galilee. The direct route right through it.

Map Of Jesus' Travel To Galilee: Jews hated the Samaritans. They considered them half-breed idolaters, religiously confused. 2 Kings 17:24 – those Northern tribes intermarried after Assyrian Captivity. Ezra 4

"He had to ("logical necessity") pass through Samaria"

John 3:16 – "For God so loved the world,"

John 4:5

"So He came to a city of Samaria, called Sychar," – This is on the slope of Mount Ebal, there is the city of Sychar called Askar. A half mile from Jacob's well.

Jacob gave to his son Joseph; Genesis 33:18-21.

John 4:6

"and Jacob's well was there." – Joseph's bones were buried here, Joshua 24:32.

"It was about the sixth hour." Jewish time, it would be 12:00 PM.

John 4:7

"Jesus said to her, 'Give Me a drink.'" – The creator of all things asks for a drink.

John 4:8

2. Verses 9-26 – The Discussion:

John 4:9

"(For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.)" – Literally, "they don't use vessels together with them." The term "Samaritan" was a derogatory term, John 8:48.

Her Defensive Response: "Oh, then, a thirsty Jew is not quite so proud as he would be if He did not want anything! You can speak to a Samaritan, and a woman at that, when she can help you."

John 4:10

"If you knew the gift of God," – The gift of Salvation, new life.

"and who it is who says to you," – Jesus Christ the Son of God. John 3:16

John 4:11

Her Sarcastic Response: "the water in this well runs deep and clearly your bucket doesn't go all the way down! So where do you plan to get this water, the living kind?" (You're someone special?)

John 4:12-14

"Drinks ("continually drinks") of the water that I will give him shall never thirst;"

"the water that I will give him will become in him a well of water springing up to eternal life." – Jesus speaks of stagnant well water versus running water.

"Eternal Life" – It not only means the duration of time, it speaks of a quality of eternity, a rich refreshing, profoundly meaningful, infinitely exciting life.

The Last Invitation In The Bible: Revelation 22:17

John 4:15

Verses 16-19 – Conviction Of Sin: John 4:16-17

Marriage is a formal, legal, public covenant between a man and woman, Matthew 19:5-6.

"Jesus said to her, 'You have correctly said, 'I have no husband';'" – Wow! Jesus draws from His supernatural knowledge. John 2:24

John 4:18

Repentance – This is the human part, where we see our sinfulness, we admit our need for God, we recognize that we cannot make it on our own so we turn from our way to God's way.

Belief – This is the divine side. Regeneration is an act of God by which He makes us alive.

John 4:19-20

Is she being evasive to what Jesus just exposed in her life?

Is she sincerely asking who has the right path to the living water? Is it the Samaritans or is it the Jews?

John 4:21

Romans 8:9

1 Corinthians 6:19

John 4:22

"You worship what you do not know;" – Your knowledge is incomplete.

"we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews."

John 4:23

Worship – "to kiss towards"; it suggests reverence, adoration and honor.

"in spirit" – Judaism was of the letter not the spirit; Rites, forms.

"and truth;" – Samaritans were the mixture of truth and error.

"for such people the Father seeks to be His worshipers." – Spirit and Truth.

John 4:24 – "God is spirit" – definition of God's nature.

John 4:25 – "when that One comes, He will declare all things to us." – The Samaritans believed in a Messiah (Deliverer) that would come to make the wrongs right!

John 4:26 – "Good! You don't have to wait any longer. I am the Messiah, and I am here, just as promised!" – "I am He"; "I AM WHO I AM," Exodus 3:14.

John 4:29

Application:

1. Salvation Only Comes To Those Who Acknowledge Their Desperate Need Of New Life.
2. Salvation Comes To Those Who Confess And Repent Of Their Sins And Desire Forgiveness.
3. Salvation Comes To Those Who Receive Jesus Christ As Their Messiah, The One Who Died For Our Sins.