

John 4

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When therefore the Lord knew how the Pharisees had heard that Jesus made and baptized more disciples than John, (This would make Jesus a target for these Kenites. Jesus wasn't afraid of these guys, but He knew that God's plan must unfold in its due time)

² (Though Jesus himself baptized not, but his disciples,)

³ He left Judaea, and departed again into Galilee.

⁴ And he must needs go through Samaria. (There were many people that needed salvation. Samaria was a place of shady people and crime, since the demise of the 10 northern tribes by the Assyrians, 600 years earlier)

⁵ Then cometh he to a city of Samaria, which is called Sychar, near to the parcel of ground that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. (Sychar = an intoxicant) (This is where Jacob's well was located)

⁶ Now Jacob's well was there. Jesus therefore, being wearied with his journey, sat thus on the well: and it was about the sixth hour. (It was noon)

⁷ There cometh a woman of Samaria to draw water: Jesus saith unto her, Give me to drink. (It was not usual for a man to speak to a single woman, alone. She must have been there to draw water for the day)

⁸ (For his disciples were gone away unto the city to buy meat.)

⁹ Then saith the woman of Samaria unto him, How is it that thou, being a Jew, askest drink of me, which am a woman of Samaria? for the Jews have no dealings with the Samaritans. (The Jews looked down on the Samaritans)

¹⁰ Jesus answered and said unto her, If thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of him, and he would have given thee living water. (The living water is symbolic for God's grace and salvation) Isaiah-12:3

¹¹ The woman saith unto him, Sir, thou hast nothing to draw with, and the well is deep: from whence then hast thou that living water? (She doesn't get it)

¹² Art thou greater than our father Jacob, which gave us the well, and drank thereof himself, and his children, and his cattle?

¹³ Jesus answered and said unto her, Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again: (Physical water)

¹⁴ But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life. (Spiritual water – God's grace and salvation)

¹⁵ The woman saith unto him, Sir, give me this water, that I thirst not, neither come hither to draw. (She still doesn't get it)

¹⁶ Jesus saith unto her, Go, call thy husband, and come hither.

¹⁷ The woman answered and said, I have no husband. Jesus said unto her, Thou hast well said, I have no husband:

¹⁸ For thou hast had five husbands; and he whom thou now hast is not thy husband: in that saidst thou truly.

¹⁹ The woman saith unto him, Sir, I perceive that thou art a prophet. (Now she's starting to catch on)

²⁰ Our fathers worshipped in this mountain; and ye say, that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship. (When he became the first king of Israel, Jeroboam set up 2 golden calves for people to worship. He defied God)

²¹ Jesus saith unto her, Woman, believe me, the hour cometh, when ye shall neither in this mountain, nor yet at Jerusalem, worship the Father.

²² Ye worship ye know not what: we know what we worship: for salvation is of the Jews. (This refers to when the Assyrians conquered the 10 northern tribes of Israel. This was a type for when antichrist will come as the false messiah; and people will worship him, instead of God) 2Kings-17:24-34

²³ But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. (We can worship God anywhere. God opened salvation to

all people who accept and love Him. We no longer need a priest to be the intercessor. Jesus fulfilled that office for all time)

²⁴ God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.

²⁵ The woman saith unto him, I know that Messiah cometh, which is called Christ: when he is come, he will tell us all things. (This woman knew God's Word. She knew that Messiah was coming)

²⁶ Jesus saith unto her, I that speak unto thee am he. (You're looking at Him)

²⁷ And upon this came his disciples, and marvelled that he talked with the woman: yet no man said, What seekest thou? or, Why talkest thou with her?

²⁸ The woman then left her waterpot, and went her way into the city, and saith to the men,

²⁹ Come, see a man, which told me all things that ever I did: is not this the Christ? (Jesus used this "sinner" to convert a whole village. God uses whoever He wants to. This woman had faith and God blessed her)

NOTE: (This should be a lesson to those false preachers; who hold peoples' sins over their head indefinitely. God forgives those who forgive others. Jesus used this 5 time divorcee to convert a whole town, because she believed in Him as the Messiah)

³⁰ Then they went out of the city, and came unto him.

³¹ In the mean while his disciples prayed him, saying, Master, eat.

³² But he said unto them, I have meat to eat that ye know not of. (Jesus was talking about saving these souls)

³³ Therefore said the disciples one to another, Hath any man brought him ought to eat? (These guys still don't have a clue what Jesus is talking about)

³⁴ Jesus saith unto them, My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work. (God's work comes first)

³⁵ Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest. (People are looking for salvation now. There's no reason to wait. Jesus is speaking of harvesting souls for salvation)

³⁶ And he that reapeth receiveth wages, and gathereth fruit unto life eternal: that both he that soweth and he that reapeth may rejoice together. (People who do God's work in this life can rejoice, for they will receive their rewards in the next life. Whether they sow or reap, it makes no difference. All are rewarded equally with eternal life with God in the Third Age)

³⁷ And herein is that saying true, One soweth, and another reapeth. (We all play our own part in God's ministry)

³⁸ I sent you to reap that whereon ye bestowed no labour: other men laboured, and ye are entered into their labours. (They didn't sow but they will reap. The prophets sowed long ago, and the apostles reaped. Both were rewarded equally)

³⁹ And many of the Samaritans of that city believed on him for the saying of the woman, which testified, He told me all that ever I did. (She served as a witness for Jesus)

⁴⁰ So when the Samaritans were come unto him, they besought him that he would tarry with them: and he abode there two days. (Jesus taught them God's Word. They became Christians)

⁴¹ And many more believed because of his own word; (There were no miracles needed for these Samaritan people to believe; as there were with the Jews. Many of the Jews refused to believe even after seeing Jesus' miracles)

⁴² And said unto the woman, Now we believe, not because of thy saying: for we have heard him ourselves, and know that this is indeed the Christ, the Saviour of the world. (These Samaritans turned out to be better Christians than the Jews. Their minds were open to receive Jesus. The Jews were totally wrapped up in their traditions of men)

NOTE: (We still see this today – religionists have closed minds because they think they already know it all. New converts to Christianity have open minds and want to learn the truth)

⁴³ Now after two days he departed thence, and went into Galilee.

⁴⁴ For Jesus himself testified, that a prophet hath no honour in his own country. (The people who grew up around Jesus knew Him as the carpenter's son. It was more difficult for them to accept Him as Messiah, than it would be for strangers)

⁴⁵ Then when he was come into Galilee, the Galilaeans received him, having seen all the things that he did at Jerusalem at the feast: for they also went unto the feast. (They saw the miracles of the wine and of the healings that Jesus did) John-2:23

⁴⁶ So Jesus came again into Cana of Galilee, where he made the water wine. And there was a certain nobleman, whose son was sick at Capernaum. (Capernaum = the house of compassion)

⁴⁷ When he heard that Jesus was come out of Judaea into Galilee, he went unto him, and besought him that he would come down, and heal his son: for he was at the point of death. (He had faith in Jesus as the Messiah)

⁴⁸ Then said Jesus unto him, Except ye see signs and wonders, ye will not believe. (The Jews only believed in Him after witnessing His miracles)

⁴⁹ The nobleman saith unto him, Sir, come down ere my child die.

⁵⁰ Jesus saith unto him, Go thy way; thy son liveth. And the man believed the word that Jesus had spoken unto him, and he went his way. (He passed the test of faith. He believed Jesus without seeing)

⁵¹ And as he was now going down, his servants met him, and told him, saying, Thy son liveth. (His faith in Jesus saved his son's life)

⁵² Then enquired he of them the hour when he began to amend. And they said unto him, Yesterday at the seventh hour the fever left him.

⁵³ So the father knew that it was at the same hour, in the which Jesus said unto him, Thy son liveth: and himself believed, and his whole house. (Jesus had saved his son when He told the man that his son would live. HE didn't need to go see the son)

⁵⁴ This is again the second miracle that Jesus did, when he was come out of Judaea into Galilee. (The more miracles Jesus did, the greater His reputation grew among the people)