



WORD OF LIFE MINISTRIES OF ALL NATIONS

Monthly Bible Study



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Bible Study—Gospel of John—Chapter 4

John 4:1

When therefore the Lord knew how the Pharisees had heard that Jesus made and baptized more disciples than John.

“Therefore”, refers the reader back to John 3:22-36. Christ’s success in winning disciples had created jealousy among John’s followers and provoked questions among the Pharisees.

John 4:2

Though Jesus Himself baptized not, but His disciples.

Jesus didn’t baptized anyone, but He gave His disciples the permission and the authority to baptize.

John 4:3

He left Judea, and departed again into Galilee.

Since Jesus didn’t want to be drawn into a controversy over baptism at this stage of His ministry, He left Judea to Galilee. As Christians, we must be like Jesus, there are times we need to keep quiet and not go into a discussion about certain things whether it’s naturally or spiritually that will cause a heated discussion or to be argumentative. This is exactly where Satan wants you to be to lose your ground and connection with the Father. As well as saying words that can’t

be retracted, words that didn’t heal nor resolved the discussion.

John 4:4

And He must needs go through Samaria.

The shortest route from Judea to the south of Galilee in the north went through Samaria. The Jews hated the Samaritans and considered them to be no longer “pure” Jews, however, Jesus had no such bias. Secondly, there was a woman at Samaria that Jesus was going to minister to. He specifically went there for her as well as to demonstrate to His disciples not to be bias.

John 4:5

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.

Jacob had purchased a parcel of ground (Genesis 33:18-19) which he gave to his son Joseph on his deathbed.

John 4:6

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.

Taking three days for Jesus to reach His destination He was tired from His journey, He sat

at the well. He also had an appointed time to meet a Samaritan woman that would be coming to the well.

John 4:7

There cometh a woman of Samaria to draw water: Jesus saith unto her, Give Me to drink.

While sitting at the well a Samaritan woman came to draw water. She came later in the day after the other women had drawn their water. Mostly likely because she was living with a man that was not her husband and the other women didn’t want to have an association with her.

John 4:8

For His disciples were gone away unto the city to buy meat.

The disciples were gone to the city to purchase food. While the disciples were gone, Jesus was sitting at the well.

John 4:9

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 Jewish view of the origin and nature of the Samaritans occurs in the Old Testament

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beginning with the judgment according to 2nd King 17:7-23) that the northern kingdom of Israel consistently deviated from the course of true religion. Those living in the territory of the northern kingdom after its destruction by Assyria are regarded as non-Israelites settled there by Assyria who adopted Israel's religion combining it with their own polytheism. Samaritans came to be regarded by Jews as neither fully Gentile nor fully Jewish.

The Jews had nothing to do with the Samaritans. Jesus was going to change that by ministering to the Samaritan woman.

John 4:10

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 Samaritan woman did not have knowledge that she was talking with Jesus, the Christ, the Son of God. Jesus informed her if she knew who it was that was asking for water, she would have asked Him for the living water. The living water is the Holy Spirit. Living water springs from an unfailing source and is ever-flowing. Jesus told His disciples that those that believe in Him, out of their belly would flow rivers of living water. God fellowship with His people by the indwelling of the Holy Spirit

John 4:11

The woman saith unto Him, Sir, thou has nothing to draw with, and the well is deep: from whence then has thou that living water.

The Samaritan woman did not comprehend Jesus' spiritual message. She was thinking only of physical water and could not understand how Jesus could provide water without a means of drawing it, especially since the well was deep.

John 4:12

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

The Samaritan woman was comparing Jesus to Jacob. Her emphasis had always been on Jacob, as most of the Samaritan. Jesus' wisdom would draw her away from the thought without denigrating Jacob.

John 4:13

Jesus answered and said unto her, Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again.

Jesus was trying to open her understanding to what He was talking about spiritually. He was explaining whoever and how much they drink of this water will not quench their spiritual thirst.

Spiritual thirst is what causes many to search out religion because God has placed a thirst in them. Many try different things and people in life to try to quench or place something

in the void their feeling. Some use drugs, alcohol, sex, education, but yet they feel a void because they have not open their heart for Jesus to come and live within their being.

John 4:14

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.

Jesus is speaking of the Holy Spirit that will fill the void. Once salvation has truly been received Jesus fills the void. There will no longer be a thirst for the things the world has to offer.

John 4:15

The woman saith unto Him, Sir, give me this water, that I thirst not, neither come hither to draw.

The woman ask Jesus to give her the water He's talking about so that she will no longer thirst nor will she have to continue to come to the well and draw water.

Her thoughts are still on the physical, something she can see and touch; the water He speaks about is spiritual and can't be seen with the physical eye.

God's desire is to have fellowship with His people, and He does so by the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. The baptism of the Holy Spirit will be given to any one who desires to have Him.

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John 4:16

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

Jesus mentioned the woman's husband to expose her sin. The Samaritan woman was professing to be a child of Jacob which was a godly man, but she was living in sin. Many professing Christians place their Christianity on their parent or grandparent's relationship with God. We can't base our Christianity on someone's relationship with God. We have to have a relationship with Him ourselves.

John 4:17

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

The Samaritan woman admits she does not have a husband, but she has not admitted that she was living with a man that was not her husband. She's telling a partial truth, but hiding her sin. Unless one confess their sin they can't receive forgiveness of their sin.

John 4:18

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

Jesus let her know that He was aware that she was telling Him the truth, but she was not admitting that she was living with a man that was not her husband. There is nothing hidden from the eyes of God. We may hide from others, but we can't from God.

John 4:19

*The woman saith unto him, **Sir, I perceive that thou art a prophet.***

Because of what Jesus told her about herself, the woman concluded that Jesus was a prophet, a person divinely inspired with supernatural knowledge.

John 4:20

Our fathers worshipped in this mountain; and ye say that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship.

The Samaritan woman admits that He was a prophet, He fit the description of the Great Prophet who would come as Moses predicted, but she didn't understand because He was a Jew and they worshipped in Jerusalem. The Samaritans worshipped at Mt. Gerizim.

According to Scripture they instructed that an altar be erected on Mt. Ebal, opposite Mt. Gerizim. According to the Samaritans traditions Mt. Gerizim was where Abraham went to sacrifice Isaac, and later on Abraham met Melchizedek. When the blessings and curses were read to the wilderness generation of Israel the blessing were read from Mt. Gerizim.

The Samaritans believed that Mt. Gerizim was the place intended by God for worship. This is why the Samaritan woman is questioning the whereabouts of worship.

John 4:21

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

The Samaritan woman was placing emphasis on Mt. Gerizim and being the descendants of Jacob than her faith in God. Jesus was informing her that her spirituality didn't have anything to do with her descendants or where she worshipped God.

God is more concerned about the sincerity of our prayers than where or the position we pray. Our faith must be God and not where we worship.

Some believe if you're not in a certain denomination God will not hear your prayers.

John 4:22

Ye worship ye know not what: we know what we worship: for salvation is of the Jews.

The Samaritans worshipped many gods and they took Scripture out of context as well as inserted text that was not in the original format of Scripture to fit their purpose.

Some of today's professing Christians do as the Samaritans; they adhere to Scriptures they like and dismiss the ones they don't like neither will they adhere to. They will accept what will not take them out of their comfort zone.

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John 4:23

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.

The only way one can worship the Father in spirit and in truth the individual's heart must be regenerated by the Spirit of God. The new birth consist of three implications:

1. It do away with Jewish dependence on being sons of Abraham.
2. It reveals that there must be a work of God from above since the Jews considered children to be God's blessings.
3. It teaches the necessity of a new beginning.

No one has every came in contact with God and stay the same. Throughout our Christians life, every time we come in contact with God, He's continually making changes in our heart and spirit. Our thinking and understanding of things become more like that of our Father.

When one continues to live in the lifestyle they were living before receiving salvation is an indication that they have not been born of the Spirit. True salvation is a change. We don't completely change overnight, but gradually we change reflecting our Father's attributes and behavior.

We should not be the same as we were last year, there will be continuous changes in our lives as we submit to God and His plan.

There should be a change in our character and behavior, and the time we spend with God in prayer, reading, and studying His Word. The more time we spend with the Father, the more we become the image of His Son.

When Peter and John stood before the priests and the Sadducees with boldness, the Scripture states they took knowledge that Peter and John had been with Jesus. The same goes for the Christian in this dispensation. The more we spend time with Jesus, the more the secular world will know we have been with Jesus.

John 4:24

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

God is a Spirit, and we worship Him with our spirit. When people are born of the Spirit, His Spirit indwells in their spirit. Our accepting of Jesus' salvation makes worship a matter of the heart. Truth is what is in harmony with the nature and will of God. It is the opposite of all that is false. Here the truth is specifically the worship of God through Jesus Christ. When Christ dwells in our hearts, then we will worship the Father in spirit and in truth because our hearts have been regenerated and His Spirit dwells in our spirit; giving us the mind of Christ to live as Christ.

John 4:25

The woman saith unto Him, I know that Messiah cometh which is called Christ: when He is come, He will tell us all things.

The Samaritan woman believed the teaching that the Prophet of Deuteronomy 18:15-22 would teach all things when He come. She believed the One that would come would be much more than a Prophet, because she described Him as being the Messiah that is called Christ. Messiah from the Hebrew means anointed one. God anointed kings; in the Old Testament specifically the expected Jewish Messiah, in the New Testament designation of Old Testament "Messiah" which would be Jesus Christ.

John 4:26

Jesus saith unto her, I that speak unto thee am He.

Jesus used the same words that God used when He revealed Himself to Moses (**And God said unto Moses, I AM THAT I AM: and He said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, I AM hath sent me unto you—Exodus 3:14**). Jesus clearly stated that He is the Messiah.

John 4:27

And upon this came His disciples, and marveled that He talked with the woman: yet no man said, What seekest thou? Or why talkest thou with her?

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John 4:27 Continued

Jews didn't have anything to do with the Samaritans, and Rabbis did not converse with women in public or instruct them in the Law. When His disciples saw Jesus talking to the woman, they kept their astonishment to themselves. Secondly, they knew Jesus would always do something different from the norm of the Jewish traditions.

John 4:28

The woman then left her water-pot, and went her way into the city, and saith to the men.

The Samaritan woman didn't keep silence about meeting the Messiah, she wanted others to know. The One they had been taught about was on the scene. She didn't waste any time in spreading the news.

John 4:29

Come, see a man, which told me all things that ever I did is not this the Christ?

In her excitement, the woman exaggerated, He didn't tell her everything she had done. She did not report what Jesus actually told her, but what He could have told her. In this little time, after she met Jesus the woman was going on a spiritual journey. She first viewed Christ as a Jew, then as a prophet, and finally as the Messiah. She accepted Him as the Messiah without questioning.

John 4:30

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

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After listening to the Samaritan woman, they wanted to see this man she was speaking about. In today dispensation, if Christians would talk to others about their salvation or what the Lord has done for them, it will give them a influence to seek who is this person they're talking about. When we talk about Jesus and our salvation, our lifestyle should be a product of our change from secular living to spiritual living.

John 4:31

In the mean while His disciples prayed [urged] Him, saying, Master eat.

His disciples urged Him to eat, out of concern for His well-being. Most likely Jesus probably hadn't eaten anything from the time He left Judea to Galilee then to Samaria which would have been days since they were traveling by foot.

John 4:32

But He said unto them, I have meat [food] to eat that ye know not of.

Most likely He was speaking about the Word of God. His Word is our spiritual food. Jesus daily communed with the Father to receive His instructions and strength. Just as Jesus needed it, so do we as Christians, followers of Jesus.

John 4:33

Therefore, said the disciples one to another, Hath any man brought Him aught [anything] to eat?

The disciples were thinking on the natural whereas Jesus was speaking about the spiritual.

John 4:34

Jesus saith unto them, My meat [food] is to do the will of Him that sent Me, and to finish His work.

His food or meat were the Samaritans to bring them into the Father's fold. The Samaritans were leaving the city and coming to Him, and believing on Him whereas the Jews were disowning Him as the Messiah and the Son of God. Jesus came to do the will of the Father, Christians suppose to have the same mind-set as Jesus, to do the will of the Father.

John 4:35

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.

Jesus offered His disciples an opportunity to do something that would be "food" for them. He was speaking about the Samaritans. In them, He saw an opportunity for a spiritual harvest for which the disciples would not have to wait long. In this Scripture "harvest" is food and the harvest were souls.

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John 4:36

And he that reapeth receiveth wages, and gathereth fruit unto life eternal: that both he that soweth and he that reapeth may rejoice together.

The reaper of a spiritual harvest receives wages that is, fruit which brings joy. In this case, Jesus sowed by giving the message to the Samaritan woman. He was about to reap because He would see the whole city saved. Also the disciples were going to reap the harvest that Jesus had sown. When Christians win souls they sow into the person's life the Word of God, and they receive the harvest. Every Christian should have a desire to see people lives being changed by the Word of God. When one accepts salvation in their heart, there will be a life changing experience that will be for eternity, if they continue in the faith and the Word of God.

"Once saved always saved" is true when the individual lives according to the doctrine of the Bible.

John 4:37

And herein is that saying true, One soweth, and another reapeth.

Sowers are those who make it possible for the reapers to reap; each Christian has the gift to win souls, its not just for the preacher. When one wins a person to Christ, they have just added another brother or sister to the family of God. In the family of God, we have millions of sisters and brothers, mothers and fathers.

John 4:38

I sent you to reap that whereon ye bestowed [have not labored] no labor: other men labored, and ye are entered into their labors.

Jesus applied what He had just said to His disciples. The others may have been John the Baptist and his disciples. They had labored in Judea, therefore, Jesus' disciples were reaping what others had sowed.

John 4:39

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.

The Samaritans believed the Samaritan woman's testimony about Jesus, and they came to see for themselves. Sometimes its just good to converse to others what God has done for you. If we're willing He will give us the opportunity to witness to others about Jesus, and they too will be like the Samaritans, coming to Jesus.

John 4:40

So when the Samaritans were come unto Him, they besought Him that He would tarry with them; and He abode there two days.

The Samaritans listen to Jesus' message and believed He was the Messiah. They requested that He stay and

teach them more about the kingdom. Whereas His own people didn't want Him in their towns.

When you truly become a Christian and Jesus' reflection is shown in your lifestyle and speech, sometimes family and friends will dismiss you like they did with Jesus when their lifestyle is not in line with God's Word.

John 4:41

And many more believed because of His own word;

Many times Christians debate with others about the Bible and Jesus. Neither one of them need our defense. Just speak the Word of God, it will defend itself. Never quarrel or debate about the Word of God. Live and speak it, and it will defend itself. The Word of God is Spirit, and it enters into the heart and reveals Jesus and His Word to the non-believer.

John 4:42

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 Savior of the world.

The Samaritan believed Jesus when they heard Him with their own ears, not because of what the woman said, but through Jesus spoken Word. When we as Christians speak the Word of God, it is spirit and it brings life to dead souls.

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John 4:43

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

Jesus stayed with the Samaritans two days teaching them the Word of God; many gave their lives to be submitted to the teaching. When He finished His teaching, He and His disciples went to Galilee.

John 4:44

For Jesus Himself testified, that a prophet hath no honor in his own country.

His own country has been taken to mean Judea, Nazareth. Having no honor or reception in Nazareth, Jesus went elsewhere in Galilee.

John 4:45

Then when He was come into Galilee, the Galileans received Him, having seen all the things that He did at Jerusalem at the feast: for they went unto the feast.

The feast refers to the Passover. The Galileans who had gone to the feast received Jesus when He came to Galilee.

John 4:46

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.

Jesus returns to Cana where He turned the water into wine. He encounters a nobleman, whose son was sick. Nobleman is literally an royal officer, one in service of the king. Everyone who has an encounter with Jesus had an appointed time to meet with Him.

John 4:47

When he heard that Jesus was come out of Judea 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.

The nobleman was an officer of the king, he was a Jew, he had heard of the miracle Jesus performed. When he heard Jesus was in Galilee he requested Jesus to come and heal his son. His faith was in what he had heard about Jesus.

John 4:48

Then said Jesus unto him, Except ye see signs and wonders ye will not believe.

Jesus knowing this man's heart and its unbelief tells him that he will not believe unless he saw signs and wonders.

John 4:49

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

The nobleman is requesting Jesus to hurry, his child is at the point of death and he needed Him to come immediately before the child dies.

John 4:50

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.

John 4:50 Continued

The man didn't ask questions, he believed the word Jesus had spoken. His faith was taken to a higher level; he didn't see a sign or miracle. He heard and believed.

John 4:51

And as he was now going down, his servants met him, and told him, saying, thy son liveth.

While the officer was on his way home, his servant met him and told him, his son was not dead but he was alive. The officer moved in faith, and he received by his faith in the Word of God.

John 4:52

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

The nobleman required of his servants, what time the child was healed, his questioning was to see if it was the same time he was talking with Jesus.

John 4:53

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.

The inquiry was to know if it was the same time he spoke with Jesus. He believed what Jesus said, he received in faith. Both he and His household was saved.

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John 4:54

This is again the second miracle that Jesus did, when He was come out of Judea into Galilee.

The first miracle Jesus performed was turning the water into wine. The second, was healing a nobleman's son who was at the point of death.

These signs were performed so that people might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing they might have life eternally.

God still heals today as He did in Jesus' day, but sometimes God does not heal us or our loved ones on this side; but heals them on the other side of eternity which is for more better than living in a world of sin.

God uses doctors and medications sometimes to treat our infirmities and ease the pain unto He brings us to live with Him for eternity.

Scriptures does not promise that everyone will be healed. No one knows why God heals some and others He don't. But we can believe if we live according to His Word we will be with Him in eternity, that's a promise we can trust.



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Hopefully this Bible commentary will help you to understand the Bible and assist you with your walk with the Lord.

If you have not received Jesus as your Lord and Savior, all you have to do is ask God to forgive you of your sins. Let Him know that you are aware that you have not submitted yourself to the Lord or His doctrine. Ask God to forgive you of your sins. Ask Him to save you, tell Him you accept His salvation by His Son.

If you believe that Jesus is the Son of God, if you believe that Jesus died for your sins. If you believe that He was risen from the grave. Then you are saved.

Confess with your mouth that you're saved.

Romans 10:9-11

That if thou shall confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.

For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

For the Scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on Him shall not be ashamed.

If you have truly accepted salvation, your heart and spirit has been changed. You will feel the cleanliness within your spirit and heart. Now it's your responsibility to read the Word of God, pray, fast and submit yourself to the Word of God. If you can attend worship service at church or at your facility, you should attend to be strengthen spiritually. As you submit yourself to the doctrine of the Bible you will see a change in your character and attributes.

You can't receive salvation and stay the same. That was the reason Jesus died so that you would be free from the bondage of sin. You can't change yourself, He will change you, if you allow Him.

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