

THE WORD BECAME FLESH

The Book of John

Lesson 4

The Presentation of the Son of God

John 4

REFLECTION

Review John 2 and 3. What new thought came to mind concerning the way Jesus began His ministry?

FOCUS VERSE

. . . Now we believe, not because of what you said, for we have heard for ourselves and know that this is indeed the Christ, the Savior of the world (John 4:42).

SECTION 1 – Christ’s Encounter With the Woman at the Well

Read John 4:1-30.

1. What prompted Jesus to leave Judea (vv. 1-3)? _____

Where was He going? _____

2. What region did Jesus need to go through (v. 4)? _____

3. Where did Jesus stop and why (vv. 5, 6)? _____

What time of day was it? _____¹

4. Who came to the place that Jesus was resting (vv. 7, 8)? _____

Where were the disciples? _____

How did Jesus initiate the conversation? _____

PERSONAL

Have you ever had a personal encounter with Jesus? Explain. _____

¹ sixth hour: twelve noon.

5. What social traditions did this woman remind Jesus of (v. 9)? _____

PERSONAL

What does this teach you about Jesus and His interaction with people? _____

6. How did Jesus answer this woman and what did He offer her (v. 10)? _____

7. What two questions did the woman respond to Jesus with (vv. 11, 12)? _____

What was this woman's mind focused on? _____

8. How did Jesus take this conversation to the eternal perspective (vv. 13, 14)? _____

What did Jesus say about the *living water* that He had to offer? _____

9. What did the woman ask for (v. 15)? _____

PERSONAL

Do you think the woman understood the spiritual truth that Jesus revealed to her? Express your thoughts, questions, and insights.

10. How did Jesus expose this woman's sin (vv. 16-19a)? _____

What was the result? _____²

11. What did this woman know about the worship of God (vv. 20, 21)? _____

What was Jesus response? _____

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Who were the Samaritan people and what did they worship (2 Kings 17:28-41)? _____

Why did Jesus say they worshipped what they did not know (John 4:22, Joshua 8:30-35)? _____

12. Why did Jesus say salvation was of the Jews (John 4:22, Romans 3:1, 2, 9:3-5)? _____

13. How does a true worshipper worship (John 4:23)? _____

14. Write out verse 24 (KJV).

_____ is _____ : and they that _____ Him must

worship Him _____ and _____ .

² prophet: one who is sent by God to speak the Words of God.

PERSONAL

What does it mean to you to worship in spirit and truth? _____

How do you worship the Father? _____

15. This intimate appointment between Jesus and the woman ended with a revelation of truth. Who was she expecting? What would He do (vv. 25, 26)?

Who did Jesus say that He was? _____

16. What actions did this woman take after her encounter with Christ (vv. 28, 29)? _____

What did Christ's words cause her to question? _____

17. What was the response of the people in the city to the words the woman spoke about Jesus (v. 30)?

SECTION 2 – Jesus Teaches His Disciples at the Well

Read John 4:27-38.

1. What was Jesus doing when the disciples returned and what cause them to marvel (vv. 27-31)? _____

What did they say to Jesus? _____

2. How did Jesus reply to the offer from the disciples to eat (vv. 32, 33)? _____

3. What was Jesus' food (v. 34, Luke 19:10)? _____

4. What did Jesus want the disciples to see (vv. 30, 35)? _____

_____ ³

5. What spiritual principles of sowing and reaping is Jesus teaching His disciples at this well in Samaria (vv. 36-38)?

PERSONAL

What do you learn from Jesus about spiritual sowing and reaping? _____

Where or in whom do you need to sow spiritual seeds for fruit to eternal life? _____

When you lift your eyes to the fields of this world what do you see? _____

LOOK DEEPER

Read Luke 8:4-15 and describe the four conditions of the heart, and their response to the seed which is the Word of God.

SECTION 3 – Jesus Witness to the Samaritans

Read John 4:39-42.

1. Explain the response of the Samaritan people (v. 39). _____

³ fields: territory, ground regions; symbol of regions not reached by the Gospel of Christ.

What had the woman testified to them? _____

PERSONAL

How have you used your failures or mistakes in life to minister to people around you? _____

2. What did the Samaritans urge Jesus to do next? How had their life changed because of Jesus' response (vv. 40, 41)?

3. What did the Samaritans come to believe because of Christ's Word (v. 42)? _____

PERSONAL

How has His Word caused you to believe on Him? _____

SECTION 4 – Jesus Goes to Galilee

Read John 4:43-45.

1. Why did John say that Jesus traveled to Galilee (vv. 43, 44)? _____

2. What was the response of the people (v. 45)? _____

3. Where did Jesus go next (v. 46)? _____

Who came to Jesus and what was the problem? _____

Where did this man live? _____

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- How far was it from Cana to Capernaum? Look at a map in your Bible. _____
4. What was the nobleman asking Jesus to do (v. 47)? _____

5. What was Jesus response to the imploring nobleman (v. 48)? _____
_____ ⁴
6. The nobleman responded strongly, what did he beg of Jesus (v. 49)? _____

7. *Jesus saith unto him,* _____ (v. 50, KJV).
8. What did the man believe (v. 50b)? _____
How do we know? _____
9. How was Jesus healing of the nobleman's son confirmed in the man's heart and mind (vs. 51-53)?

- Who else believed? _____
10. What did John call this healing (v. 54)? _____

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- There are seven signs in John's Gospel, what was the first sign (John 2:1-11)? _____

- What is the significance of the signs according to John (v. 11)? _____

- Re-read John 4, list the people in the story, and all of the names, titles and references they used to refer to the Son of God.

⁴ signs: miracles and wonders.

*Lift up your eyes and look at the fields,
for they are already white for harvest!*
John 4:35

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