

“Truth In Love”
John 4:16-30

Introduction:

1. Let's Open Our Bibles Again:
 - To John 4 - Where We Started Looking Last Week:
 - At The Meeting Between:
 - Jesus And A Samaritan Woman:
 - At Jacob's Well!
 - And - If You Remember From:
 - 4:4 - This Meeting Took Place:
 - Because - As John Tells Us:
 - “He – Jesus – Must Needs Go Through Samaria!”
 - This Was A Divine Appointment:
 - Between Jesus And That Woman!
 - Between The Great Savior:
 - And That Great Sinner!
 - Between The Great Shepherd:
 - And That Lost Sheep!
2. We Left Them:
 - At The Well - In 4:15:
 - Where - The Samaritan Woman:
 - Was Still ***Resisting*** Jesus' Offer:
 - To Give Her:
 - “Living Water!”
 - But - When We Come To:
 - 4:16 - Jesus Changes His Tactics:
 - To Reach That Lost Woman:
 - With His Gospel!
 - Because - This Time:
 - He Appeals Deep Down:
 - To Her Conscience!
 - So - Let's Find Out What Happens Next:
 - From 4:16 - Through - 4:30!
 - Read Passage!
3. One Of The Things We Learn From These Verses:
 - Is That - That Samaritan Woman:
 - Needed The Truth!
 - She Needed The Truth:
 - About Herself!
 - About God! And:
 - About Jesus!
 - And - The Reason She Needed The Truth:
 - About These Things - Is The Same Reason:
 - We Need The Truth:
 - About These Things!
 - Its Because Of All:
 - The “Fake News” That Is Out There:
 - About These Things!
4. **IE:** Of Course - The Concept Of “Fake News” Is Not New To Us Now! Because - “Fake News” Is Pretty Much Everywhere About Everything!
 - Sometimes - “Fake News” Can Be Funny:
 - When Its About Practical Things!
 - And Even - Practical Jokes!
 - Like The Teen Girl That Was Sent By Her Dad Into The Auto Parts Store To Get A Bottle Of:
 - “Blinker Fluid!”
 - But - Other Times - “Fake News” Can Be More Serious:

- When Its About Political Things!
 - Things That Actually Do Matter:
 - In The Political Affairs Of Our Country & Of The World!
 - But - As Serious As Political “Fake News” Can Be:
- The Worst Kind Of “Fake News” Is:
 - About Spiritual Things!
 - Because - Even Though:
 - Political “Fake News” Can Be Detrimental To Elections:
 - Spiritual “Fake News” Can Be Detrimental To Your Soul!

5. Well - This Samaritan Woman:
- Had Been Exposed To A Lot Of:
 - Spiritual “Fake News!”
 - And - As A Result:
 - She Was Lost And Undone:
 - Before God!

- And - When Jesus Met Her:
 - At That Well:
 - He Came To Reveal:
 - The Truth!
- But - To Do This:
 - He First Had Shine The Light On:
 - What Was Fake & False In Her Life:
 - So That - The Truth:
 - Might Set Her Free!

6. But - The Way Jesus Exposed:
- Both The “Fake News” & His “Good News” Was Amazing!
 - He Is The Greatest Example:
 - Of What The Apostle Paul Tells Us To Do:
 - In Ephesians 4:15 - Which Is To Be:
 - Always - “Speaking The Truth In Love!”
 - And - This Is How Jesus:
 - Dealt With This Woman:
 - And - The Issues - About Which:
 - She Needed To Know The Truth!
 - Those Issues Were:
 - The Truth About Her Sin!
 - The Truth About Her Superstitions! And:
 - The Truth About Her Solution!
 - And - Through It All:
 - We Can See That Jesus:
 - Will Always Lead Us:
 - From What Is False & Fake:
 - To What Is True!

- * And So - The First Way We See This Is - From 4:16-18:
- Where Jesus Speaks “The Truth In Love” About:

1. Our Sin!

- And - He Does So:
 - By Revealing The Truth:
 - About **That Woman’s** Nature:
 - Apart From Christ:
 - As Well As Our Own!
 - And That Is Why:
 - In 4:16 - To Appeal To The Conscience:
 - Of The Samaritan Woman:
 - We See His:
- Challenge To Her!
 - When - “Jesus saith unto her, Go, call thy husband, and come hither!”

- This Is More Of A Change In Tactics:
 - Than A Change Of Subjects:
 - For Jesus!
- Since - Up To This Point:
 - The Woman Had No True Desire For:
 - The “Living Water” He Offered Her!
 - He Wants Her To Become Thirsty For It!
 - So - He Uses The “Salt” Of:
 - Spiritual Conviction:
 - To Bring About Thirst For:
 - The Water She Needed Most!
- And - This Tactic Seems To Work!
 - Because - Her Reply In 4:17a:
 - Is Very Concise & Maybe Even Curt!
 - “The woman answered and said, I have no husband!”
- And With That:
 - Jesus Is Ready To:
 - Speak The Truth In Love:
 - About Her True Nature:
 - And Need Of Grace!
 - And So - He Even Displays Great:
 - Compassion To Her!
 - Now - Even Though Jesus Already Knew:
 - That What She Just Told Him:
 - Was True - As Far As It Went! It Wasn’t:
 - The Whole Truth!
 - So - In 4:17b - Jesus Says To Her:
 - “Thou hast well said, I have no husband!”
 - In A Limited Sense - Jesus Commends:
 - That Woman’s Strict Honesty:
 - About Her Relationships!
 - And - This Is Often One Of The First Signs:
 - That God Is Working In & Softening:
 - The Heart Of A Sinner!
 - When - That Person:
 - Gives Honest Answers To Hard, And Sometimes, Very Personal Questions!
 - But - That’s Not The Only Reason Why:
 - Jesus Was There!
 - He Was There To Also Reveal His:
- Comprehension Of Her!
 - In 4:18 - Jesus Adds:
 - “For thou hast had five husbands; and he whom thou now hast is not thy husband: in that saidst thou truly!”
- And With These Words:
 - Jesus Exposes The Truth:
 - About That Woman’s True Nature:
 - And Sinful, Immoral Condition!
 - He Didn’t Just Expose:
 - The **Broken** Relationships:
 - That She Had In The Past:
 - As If To Rub Salt In Those Old Wounds!
 - He Exposed:
 - The **Sinful** Relationships:
 - That She Had In The Past:
 - And - In The Present!
 - She Was Living With Another Man:
 - Who Was Not Her Husband!
 - She Was Living In Sin!

- And - That Woman Needed To Know The Truth:
 - About Her Own Nature & Her Own Sin!
- And - Still - So Do We!
 - In Our World Today:
 - There Is So Much “Fake News” About Sin:
 - Isn’t There?
 - Even About The Sin This Woman Was Involved In!
 - So Many Are:
 - Calling Evil Good & Good Evil!
 - Putting Darkness For Light & Light For Darkness!
 - Putting Bitter For Sweet & Sweet For Bitter! (Isaiah 5:20)
 - Its Utter Confusion!
 - But - The Bible Is Not Confused About These Issues!
 - Because - According To God’s Word:
 - Sexual Immorality Is Still Sin!
 - Fornication Is Still Sin!
 - Adultery Is Still Sin!
 - Homosexuality Is Still Sin!
 - All Other Sexual Deviancy From God’s Standards Is Still Sin!
 - But - Even Some Churches & Christians:
 - Have Fallen For The “Fake News” Of The World:
 - And Have Forgotten The Truth:
 - About These Kinds Of Sin!
 - But - Is That What Jesus Did?
 - No! He Spoke The Truth About Sin!
 - And Yet - He Did So:
 - In Love!
 - Even In Confrontation:
 - He Showed Compassion!
 - Because - Jesus Didn’t Want To:
 - Leave That Woman:
 - In Her Sin - Without Any Hope!
 - Instead - Jesus Sought To:
 - Lead That Woman:
 - From Her Sin:
 - To The Solution:
 - For Her Sin!
 - And - This Is What True Love Looks Like!
 - Is It Loving?
 - To Embrace All The “Fake News” That Is Out There:
 - About Sin? Especially:
 - If You Know The Truth About The “Wages Of Sin!”? No!
 - Remember:
 - Jesus Will Always Lead Us:
 - From What Is False & Fake:
 - To What Is True! Even:
 - The Truth About Our Sin!
 - And So Should We!
 - We Too Must Speak The Truth In Love:
 - About Sin To Sinners!
 - Real Love Will Not Leave Sinners To Their Sins!
 - True Love - Christ-Like Love - Will Lead Them To The Savior!

* But Then - Second - We See How Jesus Speaks “The Truth In Love” About:

2. ***Our Superstitions!***

- And - He Does So:
 - By Revealing The Truth:
 - About **God’s** Nature:

- And What It Takes To:
 - Know Him, Worship Him, And Please Him!
- Now - Imagine How That Samaritan Woman:
 - Must Have Felt - After Jesus:
 - Exposed Her Sinful Past & Present!
 - Imagine What She Must Have Thought!
- Well - In 4:19-20 - It Seems Like:
 - She Naturally & Understandably:
 - Tries To Change The Subject! So:
 - “The woman saith unto him, Sir, I perceive that thou art a prophet. / Our fathers worshiped in this mountain; and ye say, that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship!”
 - But - Even Though This May Have Just Been A Natural, Defensive Reaction:
 - Jesus Got Her To Start Thinking & Talking About Religious & Spiritual Things!
- So - She Asked Jesus:
 - Based On His Own Perception Of Things:
 - About The Religious Traditions:
 - Of Their “Fathers!”
 - About The Religious Territories:
 - For Their Worship! And:
 - About The Religious Teachings:
 - Of Their Leaders!
- But - Starting In 4:21:
 - Jesus Uses Her Own Question:
 - To Reveal The True Nature:
 - Of God & Worship!
 - True Worship Of The True God:
 - All Begins With:
- Genuine Faith!
 - And - Faith In Jesus!
 - 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!”
 - Here - Jesus Calls On Her:
 - To Believe Him & What He Has To Say! Because:
 - All The Traditions & Territories & Teachings:
 - About Worship:
 - Were Temporary!
 - Though They Had Their Place:
 - In The Past!
 - “The Hour Cometh” - When:
 - A New Kind Of Worship & Relationship With God:
 - Will Exist!
 - But - It All Starts With:
 - Faith! Faith In Jesus!
 - “Believe Me!”
 - But - True Worship Of The True God:
 - Must Also Be Based Upon:
- Genuine Facts!
 - Even - The Facts About Salvation:
 - Which We Find In 4:22 - “Ye worship ye know not what: we know what we worship: for salvation is of the Jews!”
 - Here - Jesus Confronts The Woman’s:
 - Superstition - In The Same Way:
 - He Confronted Her Sin!
 - The Religion & Worship Of The Samaritans:
 - Was A False Religion!
 - Even Though They Claimed To Believe In The Same God - And:
 - Even Though They Believed In Part Of The Same Bible:

- They Didn't Know The Whole Truth About God & His Worship!
- Instead:
 - The Religion & Worship Of The Jews:
 - Was The True Religion!
 - Because - The Entire Scripture:
 - Revealed The Whole Truth About God - And:
 - About Salvation!
 - And So - To Be:
 - A True Worshiper Of The True God - And:
 - To Experience True Salvation:
 - From Your Sin:
 - There Must Also Be:
- Genuine Faithfulness:
 - To God's Design For Both:
 - Worship & Salvation!
 - As Jesus Says In 4:23-24 - "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. / God [is] a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship [him] in spirit and in truth!"
 - God's Design For True Worship:
 - Is For It To Be:
 - A Personal & A Pure:
 - Kind Of Worship!
 - "In Spirit & Truth!"
 - To Worship In Spirit Means:
 - That You Worship God:
 - In Your Heart!
 - So - It's A Personal Kind Of Worship!
 - To Worship In Truth Means:
 - That You Worship God:
 - In Harmony With His Word!
 - So - It Can Be A Pure Kind Of Worship!
 - And - All Of This Is Done:
 - Because - This Is The Kind Of Worship:
 - That Pleases God!
 - After All - He Is "Spirit!"
- And With These Words:
 - Jesus Reveals The Truth:
 - About God And His Worship!
 - Because - That Woman Needed To Know The Truth!
 - Jesus Didn't Want To:
 - Leave That Woman:
 - In Her Superstitions!
 - Instead - Jesus Sought To:
 - Lead That Woman:
 - From Her Superstition:
 - To The One True God!
 - And - Once Again - This Is What We Still Need!
 - Because - In This Old World:
 - There Is Even More "Fake News" About God!
 - About His Existence!
 - About His Nature! Holiness!
 - About His Worship!
 - About His Salvation! One Way!
 - And This Is Why:
 - God Gave Us His Word - And:
 - Sent Us His Son:
 - So That We Could Know:
 - The Truth About Him!

- As Jesus Said:
 - “The Father Seeketh Such To Worship Him!” - And - He Still Is!
- Jesus Will Always Lead Us:
 - From What Is False & Fake:
 - To What Is True! Even:
 - The Truth About Our Superstitions!
 - And So Should We!
- We Too Must Speak The Truth In Love:
 - About God To The Lost!
 - Love Will Not Leave Sinners To Their Superstitions!
 - True Love - Christ-Like Love - Will Lead Them To The Savior!
- The Most Loving Thing You Can Do:
 - Is To Tell People The Truth:
 - About God - And:
 - His Exclusive Way:
 - For Salvation & Worship Through Jesus Christ!
- And - This Leads Us To:

* The Third Way Jesus Speaks “The Truth In Love” To The Samaritan Woman!

- And That Is About:

3. **Our Solution!**

- And - He Does So:

- By Revealing The Truth:

- About **His** Nature:

- As “The Way, The Truth, And The Life!” (John 14:6)

- It Is Clear That Jesus Had Started To Stir Up The Heart Of That Samaritan Woman!

- Because - We Get A Sense Of:

- Her Desire - In 4:25!

- “The woman saith unto him, I know that Messias cometh, which is called Christ: when he is come, he will tell us all things!”

- She Had A Desire To Know & Understand:

- More About What Jesus Was Telling Her!

- And - She Had A Renewed Longing For The One:

- Even The Samaritans Were Expecting:

- The Messiah!

- And - At That Moment:

- When Her Spiritual Thirst:

- Was At Its Peak! We Are Given:

- His Declaration!

- 4:26 - “Jesus saith unto her, I that speak unto thee am [he]!”

- Jesus Was & Is:

- The Messiah She & Her People:

- Were Looking For!

- But - He Was Even **More:**

- Than The Messiah They Were Looking For!

- The Way He Even Phrased His Declaration Reveals That:

- He Was **More!**

- Jesus Said - “I Am - The One Speaking - To You!”

- As The Great I Am:

- God Himself Was Speaking To Her:

- To Reveal All That She Needed To Know About:

- Her Nature!

- God’s Nature! And:

- Christ’s Nature!

- And Now - Neither She Nor We:

- Need To Give Any Heed To:

- The “Fake News” That This World Offers Us:

- About The Things That Matter Most!

- Spiritual Things! Divine Things! Heavenly Things!
- Because - Jesus Came:
 - To Reveal The Truth!
 - The Truth About:
 - Sin & Its Exceeding Sinfulness!
 - Superstition & False Worship!
 - The Solution & Salvation:
 - In Christ Alone!
- Jesus Christ Will Always Lead Us:
 - From What Is False & Fake:
 - To What Is True!
- And - This Is What True Love:
 - Will Always Look Like In Our Lives As Well!
 - Christ-Life Love Will Not Leave Sinners To Their Sins & Superstitions!
 - It Will Seek To Lead Them To Jesus As Their Savior!

Conclusion:

1. Now - In 4:27-30 - We See:
 - The Effects This Meeting Had:
 - On Three Groups Of People!
 - And - This Is How It Should:
 - Effect Us As Well!
2. The Effect On The Disciples Of Jesus:
 - Was Great Wonder - And:
 - A Great *Reverence* Of The Lord!
 - Because - 4:27 - “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?”
 - The Scene They Came Upon:
 - There At Jacob’s Well:
 - Was A Solemn Thing!
 - Jesus Was Doing There:
 - What He Came To Do!
 - And - It Became A Lesson To Them & To Us!
 - We Must Never Get Over:
 - The Wonder Of Salvation!
 - May It Increase Our:
 - Fear & Reverence Of The Lord!
 - 3. The Effect On The Samaritan Woman:
 - Was Also Great Wonder - And Then:
 - A Great *Motivation* For The Lord!
 - To Tell Those She Knew Best About Him!
 - 4:28-29 - “The woman then left her waterpot, and went her way into the city, and saith to the men, / Come, see a man, which told me all things that ever I did: is not this the Christ?”
 - As Leon Morris Once Described This Scene:
 - “She Abandoned The Bringing Of Water For The Bringing Of Men!”
 - And - Even Though:
 - The Exercise Of Her New Faith In Jesus As The Messiah:
 - May Have Been Weak And Small!
 - The Object Of Her New Faith:
 - The Lord Jesus Christ:
 - Was Strong & Mighty To Save:
 - Even Her!
 - We Must Never Get Over:
 - The Wonder Of Salvation!
 - So That It May Increase Our:
 - Faith In & Faithfulness To The Lord As Well!
 - 4. The Effect On The Men Of The City:

- Was Also Of Great Wonder - And:
 - A Great *Curiosity* In The Lord!
 - After Hearing What The Woman Had Told Them About Jesus!
 - 4:30 - “Then they went out of the city, and came unto him!”
 - In Her Excitement:
 - The Samaritan Woman Said:
 - “Come! See!”
 - So - The Other Samaritans:
 - Just Had To Find Out:
 - What Happened To Her:
 - At Jacob’s Well That Day!
 - We Must Never Get Over:
 - The Wonder Of Salvation!
 - So That We Might Grow In Our:
 - Hunger & Thirst For The Things Of God!

5. Jesus Christ Will Always:

- Lead Us From:
 - What Is False - To:
 - What Is True!
- And That Is Why:
 - You Can Trust In His Words!
 - Because - He Will Always Tell You The Truth!
 - And That Is The Most Loving Thing:
 - He Or Anyone:
 - Could Ever Do!

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