

Jesus, The Living Water pt. 2

John 4:1-26

- Therefore, when the Lord knew that the Pharisees had heard that Jesus made and baptized more disciples than John
- 2 (though Jesus Himself did not baptize, but His disciples),
 - 3 He left Judea and departed again to Galilee.
 - 4 But He needed to go through Samaria.
 - 5 So He came to a city of Samaria which is called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob gave to his son Joseph.
 - 6 Now Jacob's well was there. Jesus therefore, being wearied from *His* journey, sat thus by the well. It was about the sixth hour.
 - 7 A woman of Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give Me a drink."
 - 8 For His disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.
 - 9 Then the woman of Samaria said to Him, "How is it that You, being a Jew, ask a drink from me, a Samaritan woman?" For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.
 - 10 Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is who says to you, 'Give Me a drink,' you would have asked Him, and He would have given you living water."
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Jesus said to her, “You have well said, ‘I have no husband,’
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- 19** The woman said to Him, “Sir, I perceive that You are a prophet.
- 20** Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, and you *Jews* say that in Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship.”
- 21** Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe Me, the hour is coming when you will neither on this mountain, nor in Jerusalem, worship the Father.
- 22** You worship what you do not know; we know what we worship, for salvation is of the Jews.
- 23** But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him.

- 24** God *is* Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.”
- 25** The woman said to Him, “I know that Messiah is coming” (who is called Christ). “When He comes, He will tell us all things.”
- 26** Jesus said to her, “I who speak to you am *He*.”

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Introduction

Years ago when the billionaire Howard Hughes died, his company’s public relations director asked the casinos in Las Vegas, where Hughes owned multiple casinos, to show him respect by giving him a minute of silence. For an uncomfortable sixty seconds, the casinos fell eerily silent. Then a pit boss looked at his watch, leaned forward, and whispered, “Okay, roll the dice. He’s had his minute.” (From the book, *Howard Hughes: The Hidden Years*, cited in “Our Daily Bread,” 11/77.)

I wonder if sometimes we treat God as those gamblers in Las Vegas treated Howard Hughes. We interrupt our busy schedules once a week, rush into church, give God “His hour,” and then forget about Him and get back to what we’d rather be doing.

John MacArthur was certainly correct to title his book on worship, *The Ultimate Priority* [Moody Press, 1983]. God created us for the ultimate priority of worshipping Him.

John MacArthur: “Worship is our innermost being responding with praise for all that God is, through our attitudes, actions, thoughts, and words, based on the truth of God as He has revealed Himself” (*The Ultimate Priority* [Moody Press], p. 127). Or, he gives a simpler definition: “Worship is all that we are, reacting rightly to all that He is” (*ibid.*, p. 147).

William Temple: “To worship is to quicken the conscience by the holiness of God, to feed the mind with the truth of God, to purge the imagination by the beauty of God, to open the heart to the love of God, and to devote the will to the purpose of God” (cited in MacArthur, *ibid.*, p. 147).

Also, John MacArthur gives this helpful clarification (on gty.org, “Messiah: The Living Water,” part 2): “Worship, by the way, is not music. Worship is loving God. Worship is honoring God. Worship is knowing God for who He is, adoring Him, obeying Him, proclaiming Him as a way of life. Music is one way we express that adoration.” As Paul states ([1 Cor. 10:31](#)), “Whether, then, you eat or drink or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.” Thus all of life is to be oriented “God-ward,” permeated with a sense of His majesty and glory.

Puritan Thomas Watson in a sermon, addresses question one in the

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Question. 1. *What is the chief end of man?*

Answer. Man's chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy him for ever.

Glorifying God consists in four things: 1. Appreciation, 2. Adoration, 3. Affection, 4. Subjection.

This in its totality amounts to worship.

The chief end of man, the purpose of man, the priority of man is to Worship God.

Among the famous sayings of the Church fathers none is better known than Augustine's,
"Thou hast formed us for Thyself, and our hearts are restless till they find rest in Thee."

In our text we are studying, the word Worship is mentioned 8 times

The priority is stated in **John 4:23**

23 But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the **Father is seeking such to worship Him.**

the word seek is a present tense verb and means

zéteó: to seek

Transliteration: zéteó

Phonetic Spelling: (dzay-teh'-o)

Definition: I seek, search for, desire, require, demand.

2212 zētéō – properly, to seek by *inquiring*; to investigate to reach a *binding (terminal)* resolution; to search, "getting to the bottom of a matter."

Worship is a Present Act Participle
proskuneó: to do reverence to

Original Word: ΠΡΟΣΚΥΝΕΩ

Phonetic Spelling: (pros-koo-neh'-o)

Short Definition: I worship

Definition: I go down on my knees to, do obeisance to, worship.

4352 *proskynéō* (from **4314** /*prós*, "towards" and *kyneo*, "to kiss") – properly, to kiss the ground when prostrating before a superior; to *worship*, ready "to fall down/prostrate oneself to adore on one's knees" (*DNTT*); to "do obeisance" (*BAGD*).

I Peter 2:9

9 But you *are* a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;

Our passage has a great climax, all the has happened with Christ meeting the Woman at the well was for the purpose of making her and acceptable worshipper.

Review

- I. The Sovereign Setting
- II. The Sympathetic Savior
- III. The Shocked Samaritan

Lesson

IV. The Saviors Salvation

- 10** Jesus answered and said to her, “If you knew the gift of God, and who it is who says to you, ‘Give Me a drink,’ you would have asked Him, and He would have given you living water.”
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If - This introduces a condition of the second class, determined as unfulfilled.

4 things that are essential for someone to know when you are sharing in evangelism

1. The need for the Gift
2. That Salvation is a Gift
3. Who is the one Who gives the Gift
4. How you get the Gift

1. The need for the gift

"If you knew
you would have asked

She did not know what condition she was in, she did not even know she needed the gift from God.

According to Scripture,
She is
Dead,
Blind,
In Darkness
Ignorant.

She does not know the desperate condition she is

Romans 3:9-20 refers to all men, both Jews and Greeks:

1. All are under sin (vs. 9).
2. There is none righteous, no, not one (vs. 10).
3. There is none that understandeth (vs. 11).

4. There is none that seeketh after God (*vs. 11*).
5. They have all turned aside (*vs. 12*).
6. They are together become unprofitable (*vs. 12*).
7. There is none that doeth good, no, not so much as one (*vs. 12*).
8. Their throats are open sepulchers; with their tongues they have used deceit. The poison of asps is under their lips (*vs. 13*).
9. Their mouths are full of cursing and bitterness (*vs. 14*).
10. Their feet are swift to shed blood (*vs. 15*).
11. Destruction and misery are in their ways (*vs. 16*).
12. The way of peace have they not known (*vs. 17*).
13. There is no fear of God before their eyes (*vs. 18*).
14. Every mouth is stopped, and all the world is brought under the judgment of God (*vs. 19*).
15. By the works of the law shall no flesh be justified in God's sight (*vs. 20*).
16. They are dead in trespasses and sins (*vv. 1, 5*).
17. They once walked according to the course of this world (*vs. 2*).
18. They walked according to the prince of the powers of the air, of the spirit that now worketh in the sons of disobedience (*vs. 2*).
19. We also all once lived in the lusts of our flesh, doing the desires of the flesh, and its mind (*vs. 3*).
20. We were, by nature, the children of wrath; even as the rest (*vs. 3*).
21. We were separate from Christ (*vs. 12*).
22. We were alienated from the commonwealth of Israel (*vs. 12*).
23. We were strangers from the covenants of the promise (*vs. 12*).

24. We had no hope and were without God in the world (vs. 12).

25. We once were far off (vs. 13).

The third greatest passage concerning the lost is the well-known third chapter of John's Gospel. If these truths applied to Nicodemus, a religious Pharisee of high standing, then they must also apply to all other unsaved people. Let us add these items to those already listed:

26. All must be born again, or they cannot see the Kingdom of God (vs. 3).

27. All must be born of water, and of the Spirit, or, they cannot enter into the Kingdom of God (vs. 5).

28. The natural man is flesh, and must be born of the Spirit (vss. 6, 7).

29. The natural man does not understand these spiritual realities (vss. 9, 12).

30. Those who do not believe are perishing (vs. 16).

31. The unbeliever is judged (condemned) already because he hath not believed on the Name of the only begotten Son of God (vs. 18).

32. The lost love darkness rather than light, for their works are evil (vs. 19).

33. Unsaved evildoers hate the light, and do not come to the light, lest their works should be reproved (vs. 20).

34. He that believeth not the Son (obeyeth not) shall not see life (vs. 36).

35. The Wrath of God abides on the rejecter of God's Son (vs. 36).

In Mark 7:21-23, Jesus gives a list of the sins that come from within, out of the hearts of men:

- 58. Evil thoughts (vs. 21).
- 59. Fornication (vs. 21).
- 60. Thefts (vs. 22).
- 61. Murders (vs. 21).
- 62. Adulteries (vs. 21).
- 63. Covetings (vs. 22).
- 64. Wickedness (vs. 22).
- 65. Deceit (vs. 22).
- 66. Lasciviousness (vs. 22).
- 67. An evil eye (vs. 22).
- 68. Railing (vs. 22).
- 69. Pride (vs. 22).
- 70. Foolishness (vs. 22): ***"all these evil things proceed from within,***

Other facts in the New Testament concerning the unsaved complete the list of a hundred items:

- 71. They walk the broad way that leads to destruction (*Matt. 7:13*).
- 72. They are against Jesus because they are not with Him (*Matt. 12:30; Luke 11:23*).
- 73. They are lost (*Luke 15:24, 32; 19:10; Matt. 10:6; 2 Cor. 4:4*).
- 74. They cannot worship God acceptably (*John 4:22-24; 14:6; 5:22-23; 8:42; Acts 17:23*).
- 75. They dishonor the Father, because they do not honor the Son (*John 5:22-23*).
- 76. They belong to the world; which hates Christ (*John 7:7; 15:19; 1 Cor. 2:8*).
- 77. They cannot go where Christ is (*John 7:34; 8:21*).
- 78. They are servants (or slaves) of sin (*John 8:34*).

79. They are children of the devil (*John 8:42-47; 1 John 3:10*).
80. They are at enmity with God (*Rom. 5:10; 8:7*).
81. They belong to a crooked generation (*Acts 2:40*).
82. They are in darkness, and are under the power of Satan (*Acts 26:18; Eph. 2:2*).
83. They are under the wrath of God revealed from heaven against all ungodliness, and unrighteousness of men (*Rom. 1:18*).
84. They cannot please God (*Rom. 8:8; Heb. 11:6*).
85. Everything they do is sin because it is not of faith (*Rom. 14:23; Heb. 11:6*).
86. The things of God are foolishness to them (*1 Cor. 2:14; 3:19*).
87. The Gospel is veiled to them because the god of this age (Satan) has blinded their minds (*2 Cor. 4:3-4*).
88. They do not have on the wedding garment, and will be cast out (*Matt. 22:11-13*).
89. They omit to do the good they should do, and, to them, this is sin (*Jas. 4:17*).
90. They have no excuse for their sin (*John 15:22; Rom. 1:20; 2:1*).
91. They are ignorant of the blessed ministry of the Holy Spirit (*John 14:17, 26; 16:13, 14*).
92. They resist the Holy Spirit, always (*Acts 7:51; 28:27; John 16:8-11*).
93. They harden their hearts and treasure up against themselves wrath in the day of judgment (*Rom. 2:5; Heb. 10:29*).
94. They are dominated by the unregenerate nature, which produces the fifteen works of the flesh: ***“Fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousies, wraths, factions, divisions, parties,***

envyings, drunkenness, revelings, etc. They who practice such things shall not inherit the Kingdom of God” (Gal. 5:19-21; cf. 1 Cor. 6:9-11).

95. Paul would classify them as foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving divers lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful, hating one another (*Titus 3:3*).

96. They shall die in their sins unless they receive Jesus Christ (*John 8:24*). Everyone either dies in his sins, or in Christ.

97. They are in danger of destruction; every moment they live without Christ (*Acts 3:23, 1 Thess. 5:3; 2 Thes. 1:9*).

98. They are due to receive the wages of sin, which is death: physical, mental, spiritual, and eternal (*Rom. 6:23*).

99. The Lord Jesus will take vengeance on them when He will be revealed from heaven with His mighty angels, because they know not God and obey not the Gospel (*2 Thess. 1:7-8*).

100. They shall stand in the judgment before the great white throne, and be judged out of the things which are written in the books according to their works. As a result, they shall be cast into the lake of fire for all eternity, which is the second death (*Rev. 20:11-15*).

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3. Who is the one Who gives the Gift

“If you knew the gift

Regeneration is a gift, Salvation is a gift

Gift (1431)(**dorea** from **didomi** = to give) refers to a free gift and emphasizes the gratuitous character of the gift. **Dorea** carries the sense of a bountiful, free, honorable gift which is bestowed freely, without price or compensation.

Tt 3:5

5 not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit,

Eph 2:8–9

8 For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; *it is* the gift of God,

9 not of works, lest anyone should boast.

not works, not righteous deeds

Wayne Grudem explains it this way...

The word translated “this” (**Ed note: "that"** in the NASB) is the neuter pronoun *touto* (from *toutos* 5124) which refers not to “faith” or to “grace” specifically in the previous clause (for they are both feminine nouns in Greek, and would require feminine pronouns), but to the entire idea expressed in the preceding phrase, the idea that you have been saved by grace through faith. (Grudem, *W*:

Systematic Theology: An Introduction to Biblical Doctrine. IVP; Zondervan, 1994 or computer format)

John MacArthur agrees writing that the word...

“**That**” refers to the entire previous statement of salvation, not only the grace but the faith. Although men are required to believe for salvation, even that faith is part of the gift of God which saves and cannot be exercised by one’s own power. God’s grace is preeminent in every aspect of salvation (cf. [Ro 3:20-note](#); [Gal 2:16](#)). (MacArthur, J.: [The MacArthur Study Bible Nashville: Word Pub](#))and who it is who says

Ro 3:24

24 being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus,

Ro 8:32

32 He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?

1. The need for the Gift
2. That Salvation is a Gift
3. **Who is the one Who gives the Gift**

and **who it is** who says

who Jesus is, is the most important topic any man or woman can consider.

The answer to this question is what defines everything else

If you get this wrong, you go to hell

If you get it right and submit to it you can go to heaven.

It is literally a matter of life and death.

With that said, I am amazed at how little time people spend on the subject.

most spend no time at all, never consider it.

others think very casually about it

others take the words of others to determine who he is.

Jesus is God

He is the only source of Salvation.

Ac 4:12

12 Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”

Ac 10:42–43

42 And He commanded us to preach to the people, and to testify that it is He who was ordained by God *to be* Judge of the living and the dead.

43 To Him all the prophets witness that, through His name, whoever believes in Him will receive remission of sins.”

Mt 1:21

21 And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins.”

Jn 3:36–4:1

36 He who believes in the Son has everlasting life; and he who does not believe the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him.”

Jn 14:6

6 Jesus said to him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

1 Co 3:11

11 For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

1 Ti 2:5

5 For *there is* one God and one Mediator between God and men, *the* Man Christ Jesus,

1 Jn 5:11–12

11 And this is the testimony: that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son.

12 He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life.

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you would have asked Him,

Being born again, or saved is not something we do or can do. We can only ask, plead with God for mercy.

Lk 18:9–14

9 Also He spoke this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and despised others:

10 “Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector.

11 The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, ‘God, I thank You that I am not like other men—extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this tax collector.

12 I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I possess.’

- 13 And the tax collector, standing afar off, would not so much as raise *his* eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, ‘God, be merciful to me a sinner!’
- 14 I tell you, this man went down to his house justified *rather* than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.”

- 11 The woman said to Him, “Sir, You have nothing to draw with, and the well is deep. Where then do You get that living water?”
- 12 Are You greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well, and drank from it himself, as well as his sons and his livestock?”

This is sarcasms, and skepticism, she still does not know who this is, only that it is a jewish man talking to a woman who is now talking about better water than what is at the well

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every organism we know of needs water to survive. In fact, without water,

From those simple starter organisms to the most complex plants and animals, water has played a critical role in survival ever since. In humans, it acts as both a solvent and a delivery mechanism, dissolving essential vitamins and nutrients from food and delivering them to **cells**. Our bodies also use water to flush out toxins, regulate body temperature and aid our metabolism. No wonder, then, that water makes up nearly 60 percent of our bodies or that we can't go for more than a few days without it.

Besides being essential for our bodies to function, water also promotes life in numerous other ways. Without it, we couldn't grow crops, keep livestock or wash our food (or our bodies, for that matter)

One of the truly amazing things about water is that it's never used up: it's just recycled over and over again,

constantly moving between the plants, animals, rivers, and seas on Earth's surface and the atmosphere up above.

Chemically speaking, water is a liquid substance made of **molecules**—a single, large drop of water weighing 0.1g contains about 3 billion trillion (3,000,000,000,000,000,000,000) of them! Each molecule of water is made up of three **atoms**: two hydrogen atoms locked in a sort of triangle with one oxygen atom—giving us the famous chemical formula H_2O . The slightly imbalanced structure of water molecules (explained in the box below) means they attract and stick to many different substances. That's also why all kinds of things will dissolve in water, which is sometimes called a "universal solvent".

{**The science of water**

by [Chris Woodford](#). Last updated: September 16, 2015.}

As great as physical Water is, it cannot sustain life indefinitely
We need a different kind of Water, a supernatural water, and
Eternal water

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water that I shall give him eternal life

never thirst. -- ou, me, in greek double negative.
 never, ever, ever thirst

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Jn 10:28–30

- 28** And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand.
- 29** My Father, who has given *them* to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch *them* out of My Father's hand.
- 30** I and *My* Father are one."

Jn 5:24

24 "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life.

Jn 6:37–39

- 37** All that the Father gives Me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will by no means cast out.
- 38** For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me.
- 39** This is the will of the Father who sent Me, that of all He has given Me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up at the last day.

Ps 37:28

- 28** For the Lord loves justice,
And does not forsake His saints;
They are preserved forever,

Ro 8:1

- 8:1** *There is* therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit.

1 Pe 1:5

- 5** who are kept by the power of God through faith for salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

V. The Samaritans Sin

- 16** Jesus said to her, “Go, call your husband, and come here.”
- 17** The woman answered and said, “I have no husband.” Jesus said to her, “You have well said, ‘I have no husband,’
- 18** for you have had five husbands, and the one whom you now have is not your husband; in that you spoke truly.”

VI. The Spiritual Service

- 19** The woman said to Him, “Sir, I perceive that You are a prophet.
- 20** Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, and you *Jews* say that in Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship.”
- 21** Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe Me, the hour is coming when you will neither on this mountain, nor in Jerusalem, worship the Father.
- 22** You worship what you do not know; we know what we worship, for salvation is of the Jews.
- 23** But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him.

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VII. The Saviors Statement

25 The woman said to Him, “I know that Messiah is coming” (who is called Christ). “When He comes, He will tell us all things.”

26 Jesus said to her, “I who speak to you am *He*.”

39 And many of the Samaritans of that city believed in Him because of the word of the woman who testified, “He told me all that I *ever* did.”

40 So when the Samaritans had come to Him, they urged Him to stay with them; and He stayed there two days.

41 And many more believed because of His own word.

42 Then they said to the woman, “Now we believe, not because of what you said, for we ourselves have heard *Him* and we know that this is indeed the Christ, the Savior of the world.”

