

FINAL NOTES -THIS WEEK'S STUDY – (John 4:9-54) – 10/30-31/2023 – A Samaritan Woman Meets Her Messiah! The Savior of the World.

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OPENING PRAYER

The Gospel According to John:

- To fully understand this Gospel, we need to understand the purpose of the Holy Spirit in writing it, (Joh 20:30-31) *And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book; [31] but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing, you may have life in His name.*
- **Review from last week: Jesus and the Woman of Samaria – (Joh 4:1-8) [4] But He needed to go through Samaria. [7] A woman of Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give (grant or bestow) Me a drink." [8] For His disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.** In one sentence, Jesus has torn down a seven-hundred-year wall of separation!

THIS WEEK'S STUDY: A Samaritan Woman Meets Her Messiah – Chap, 4: vs. 9-26; The Whitened Harvest – vs. 27-38; The Savior of the World – vs. 39-42; Welcome at Galilee – vs. 43-45; A Nobleman's Son is Healed – 46-54!

Joh 4:9 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.

Joh 4:10 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."

- *If you knew the gift of God (Rom 5:15) But the free gift is not like the offense. For if by the one man's offense many died, much more the grace of God and the gift by the grace of the one Man, Jesus Christ, abounded to many.*
- **Jesus said, "I would have given you living water."** That is, spring water, flowing out of a spring; fresh, bubbling, spring water. **Jacob's well is not a spring, something alive and pure.** It is typical well water that percolates into the well. It is really a reservoir of water that was dug by Jacob. It's about seventy feet deep to the water and thus, you have to let the bucket down quite a ways to get the water from Jacob's well.
- **Living water. The OT is the background for this term.** In (Jer 2:13b) *They have forsaken Me, the fountain of living waters, And hewn themselves cisterns—broken cisterns that can hold no water.* God denounces the disobedient Jews for rejecting Him, the "fountain of living waters." The OT prophets looked forward to a time when "living waters shall flow from Jerusalem" (Eze 47:9; Zec 14:8). John applies these themes to Jesus Christ as the living water, which is symbolic of eternal life, mediated by the Holy Spirit, from Him. Jesus used the woman's need for physical water to sustain life, in order to serve as an object lesson for her need for spiritual transformation.

Joh 4:11 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?"

- **It's interesting how Jesus started on a common level, the material level, asking for a drink of water.** That's something that's very common in Jesus' way. He always started on the level where the people were at, but then He began to move immediately into the spiritual level. The moment He started talking to her about living water, He's now talking to her about something that is spiritual. She doesn't quite grasp what He's getting at. How could He give her living water? That well is deep, about seventy feet! He doesn't even have anything to draw with. Just where are you going to get this *living water*?

Joh 4:12 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?"

- **We know the answer. Oh yes!** Jesus could have said, you know Jacob's well. I know Jacob! But Jesus doesn't, He stays right on witness!

Joh 4:13 Jesus answered and said to her, "Whoever drinks of this water will thirst again,

- **What an extremely profound statement!** This statement should be written over every ambition that you have. What is it that you are hoping to achieve or attain in life? What is it that you think will bring you satisfaction and happiness? What is it towards which you are pressing? The goals that you hope to fulfill? What are the possessions that you are desiring to acquire, thinking if you only had that, then you would be fully satisfied? You wouldn't want anything else. Whatever it is, write over the top of it. "Drink of this water but you will thirst again." There is nothing of the material realm, of the worldly realm, which can satisfy that deep demanding cry within the heart of a man for God. Man tries to fill it with many things. But he always finds that he's thirsty again!
- **We often hear about people that we refer to as having it made! We might think, if I only had** the money that they make. But oh my, just look at how many who get to the top in their achievements are miserable, lonely and all too often end their own lives.
- **Some of them say that it is the excitement of the pursuit, but the achievement is disappointing.** Success really doesn't mean much to the person who has achieved it. It only means a lot to those who are seeking to achieve it because they're in the quest, they're in the pursuit, but there's disappointment when you finally achieve. Because it doesn't satisfy. It doesn't fill the void, like you were hoping that it would. Drink of this water, Jesus said, **"you will thirst again!"** How well have we learned that truth?

Joh 4:14 but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst. But the water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life (a Spiritual water!)"

- **Interesting. Now He is fully into the spiritual level, and she may think that that He's putting her on.** He's an interesting fellow, but she can't quite figure Him out. This is the little gal who had men all figured out. But this One's sort of an enigma. He's talking about things that she doesn't quite follow along where He's going. Water that if you drink of it, you will never thirst again, but it will be sort of like a spring just a well of living water, just springing up inside of you? So, she was going to go along with Him.

Joh 4:15 The woman said to Him, "Sir, give me this water, that I may not thirst, nor come here to draw."

- **I'll take some. The woman, like Nicodemus, did not realize that Jesus was talking about her spiritual needs.** Instead, in her mind, she wanted such water in order to avoid her frequent trips to Jacob's well.

Joh 4:16 Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here."

- **Go, call your husband.** Since the woman failed to understand the nature of the living water He offered, Jesus abruptly turned the dialogue to focus sharply on her real spiritual need for conversion and cleansing from sin. His intimate knowledge of her morally depraved life not only indicated His supernatural ability, but also focused on her spiritual condition.

4:17 The woman answered and said, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You have well said, 'I have no husband,'

Joh 4:18 for you have had five husbands, and the one whom you now have is not your husband in that you spoke truly."

- **Suddenly the mask is off.** This woman was wearing a mask but suddenly she came to the realization, I'm not fooling this man. He's looking right inside of me! He sees the emptiness that is there. He's talking to me about thirsting and yes, there is a great thirst within. My life is not fulfilling. There's an emptiness. He's looking inside. He sees the emptiness. He knows that I'm not overflowing, the bubbly little person that I'm trying to portray. He sees the void. He knows all about me. I wasn't fooling Him when He said,

when I told Him I didn't have any husband. Wow, He knew all about me! He sees right through me. When the mask was off, the question came, Where can I find God?

- **People wear all kinds of masks today. But down deep inside of every man there is that question,** Where can I find God? The quest of the heart of man for God. So basically the message of Jesus to Nicodemus was, you've got to have a spiritual birth, you have to be alive in the spirit in order to really worship and know God. For God is a spirit, He is saying it now to the woman. You must *worship Him in spirit and in truth.*
- **God is a superior trinity—Father, Son, Holy Spirit. Man is an inferior trinity—body, soul, and spirit.** It is in the realm of the spirit that man meets God. The Spirit bears witness with our spirits that we are the sons of God. It is only in the realm of the Spirit that you can know God, that you can truly worship God, that you can have a relationship with God. It's a spiritual relationship and that you can't have until your spirit is alive, born again. Of course, the process by which that happens, Jesus said, is by believing in Him. The moment you believe in Jesus Christ, your spirit is born again, and you come into an understanding of spiritual things!
- **(1Co 2:11) For what man knows the things of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so no one knows the things of God except the Spirit of God.** The natural man doesn't understand the things of a man, he can't know them. They are spiritually discerned. You have to have the spiritual birth.
- **We see two people from vastly different spectrums of society and culture.** One a woman with a horrible reputation. A woman who has made a shambles of marital vows. She has gone through them five times and is now living with a man. The other is a very moral man from the upper echelons of society. A religious ruler. But the message to both is the same. To know God, to understand God, to worship God is a spiritual thing. You've got to be born again, born of the Spirit! God has to be worshipped in spirit and in truth.
- **Jesus does such a great thing here.** By His asking about the thing the woman was the most ashamed of, and tried to hide, bringing it out into the open. He has now taken away her possible thinking later on, that if Jesus only knew all the bad things about me, He would have never saved me. But now, even knowing this, He saved me! That is a wonderful thing to realize that He saved me, knowing everything about me!

Joh 4:19 The woman said to Him, "Sir, I perceive that You are a prophet.

- **You are a prophet.** Jesus' word of knowledge of her life indicated He had supernatural inspiration.

Joh 4:20 Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, and you Jews say that in Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship.

- **Both Jews and Samaritans recognized that God had commanded their forefathers to identify** a special place for worshiping Him. The Jews, recognizing the entire Hebrew canon, chose Jerusalem. The Samaritans, recognizing only the Pentateuch, noted that the first place that Abraham built an altar to God, was at Shechem, which was overlooked by Mt. Gerizim, where the Israelites had shouted the blessings promised by God before they entered the Promised Land. As a result, they chose Mt. Gerizim for the place of their temple.
- **This woman has given some thought about these things.** She wants to please God, so she takes full advantage of now asking Jesus, what do You think about the *place where one ought to worship!*

Joh 4:21 Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe Me, the hour is coming when you will neither on this mountain, nor in Jerusalem, worship the Father.

- **There was no reason to debate locations, since both places would be obsolete soon** and neither would have any role to play in the lives of those who genuinely worship God. Jerusalem would even be destroyed, with its temple (A.D. 70).
- **Jesus is saying it's not about the place, where you worship, but it's about how you worship!** You must worship Him in spirit and truth! (**Joh 4:24**) *God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.* Our worship must be based on what is our understanding of who and what He is!

Joh 4:22 You worship what you do not know; we know what we worship, for salvation is of the Jews.

- **The Samaritans have a form of religion.** You have the sacrifices, but you really don't know what you're worshipping. *You worship what you do not know.* The Jews know at least what they're worshipping. They're following the law. "*Salvation is of the Jews.*" They have the true religion and the true form of worship; and the Messiah, who will bring salvation, is to proceed from them.
- **The Samaritans did not know God. They did not have the full revelation of Him,** and thus could not worship in truth. The Jews did have the full revelation of God in the OT; thus, they knew the God they worshiped, because salvation's truth came first to them and through them to the world.

Joh 4:23 But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him.

- ***But the hour is coming, and now is.*** This refers to Jesus' death, resurrection, and ascension to God, having completed His work of redemption.
- ***When the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him.*** Jesus' point is, that in light of His coming as the Messiah and Savior, worshippers will be identified, not by a particular shrine or location, but by their worship of the Father through the Son. With Christ's coming, previous distinctions between true and false worshippers based on locations, disappeared. True worshippers are all those everywhere who worship God through the Son, from the heart!

Joh 4:24 God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship (absolutely necessary) in spirit and truth.

- **Jesus said unto Nicodemus, this moral man, a ruler, a teacher of the Jews,** a man familiar with the law of God and the worship of God after the scriptures of the Old Testament, (*Joh 3:7*) *Do not marvel that I said to you, You must be born again,* if you're to see the kingdom of God. There's got to be the spiritual awakening. Unless you've had this second birth, the birth of the spirit, you can't enter into the kingdom of God.
- ***God is Spirit.*** This verse represents the classical statement on the nature of God as Spirit. The phrase means that God is invisible, as opposed to the physical or material nature of man. The word order of this phrase puts an emphasis on *Spirit*, and the statement is essentially emphatic. Man could never comprehend the invisible God unless He revealed Himself, as He did in Scripture and the incarnation.
- ***In spirit and truth.*** The word *spirit* does not refer to the Holy Spirit, but to the human spirit. Jesus' point here is that a person must worship not simply by external conformity to religious rituals and places (outwardly), but inwardly ("in spirit") with the proper heart attitude. The reference to *truth* refers to worship of God consistent with the revealed Scripture and centered on the "Word made flesh" who ultimately revealed His Father (*Joh 14:6*).

Joh 4:25 The woman said to Him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ - the evangelist's explanation of the Hebrew word). "When He comes, He will tell us all things."

- **The Jews were waiting for the Messiah to come.** They knew the scriptures well enough that they knew that it was about time for the Messiah to come. Many of the rabbis wrote about it. But the Jews had a wrong idea concerning the coming of the Messiah. They knew that there were scriptures that spoke of the Messiah's death, His suffering. His being despised and rejected. But they spiritualize those scriptures because there were other scriptures that spoke of the Messiah's glorious reign. That appealed to them. The Jews were looking for the power. The overthrow of the Roman government. They were looking for a militant Messiah to lead them in the conquest of the world.
- **This woman had a better understanding of the Messiah than did the Jews.** She was looking for the Messiah to come and to teach them all things, the way to God, the path to God. I know that when Messiah comes, He's going to *tell us all things.*

Joh 4:26 Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am He."

- **This is the first recorded instance of Jesus revealing directly to a person that He was the Messiah.** Our Lord never spoke in such direct terms concerning Himself to His own countrymen; nor even to His own disciples, until a little before His death. It seems the reason is, that the woman being alone and being a Samaritan, that the Samaritans, if they knew His claim, would not disturb His ministry before the time of His

suffering came, which was the reason He concealed it so long from His own countrymen.

- **Can you believe that? Jesus' revealing the truth of who He is to a woman like this?** A woman with such a horrible reputation. A woman who had been married five times and was now living in an adulterous relationship.
- **Later on in Caesarea, Philippi, He'll say, Who do men say that I am?** As they tell Him the various opinions that men had concerning Him, He said, But who do you say that I am? And Peter said, You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God. Jesus said, (*Mat 16:17*) *Jesus answered and said to him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but My Father who is in heaven.* He didn't actually affirm, You're right, Peter. He just said, Blessed are you. My Father has revealed this to you. But to the woman He said, *I who speak to you am He!*
- ***I who speak to you am He.*** The "He" in this translation is not in the original Greek, for Jesus literally said "I who speak to you am." The usage of "*I am*" is reminiscent of *Joh 8:58*. This claim constitutes the main point of the story regarding the Samaritan woman. *I am! I am He! I am the Messiah!*

The Whitened Harvest – vs. 27-38

Joh 4:27 And at this point His disciples came, and they marveled that He talked with a woman; yet no one said, "What do You seek?" or, "Why are You talking with her?"

- **I'm sure they were shocked.** The rabbis, according to tradition, **would never talk to a woman alone!** That was a total taboo. They marveled that Jesus was talking to this woman, which was a no-no for a rabbi. But yet they didn't dare say, Why are You talking to her? Jesus and The Father are teaching a very important thing here! **That is, that God loves everybody!** That is His focus and His purpose, willing to save everybody that comes to Him. We are not to write anyone off anyone who wants to be saved!
- **Had the disciples arrived earlier, they would have interrupted and destroyed the conversation.** If they had arrived any later, she would have gone, and they would not have heard His declaration of Messiahship. This feature subtly reveals Jesus' divine control over the situation that was occurring!

Joh 4:28 The woman then left her waterpot, went her way into the city, and said to the men,

Joh 4:29 Come, see a Man who told me all things that I ever did. Could this be the Christ?"

Joh 4:30 Then they went out of the city and came to Him.

- ***The woman then left her waterpot.*** She had received living water. She was never going to be thirsty again!
- ***And she went her way into the city, and said to the men.*** I'm sure that the women weren't talking to her. She was a threat to every marriage in town. But the men, they all knew her. Jesus had such an impact on the woman that she was eager to share the news among the townspeople whom she had previously avoided because of her reputation! Her witness and candor regarding her own life so impressed them that they came to see Jesus for themselves. **Is that happening in my life?**
- ***Come, see a Man who told me all things that I ever did.*** I can imagine that worried them! **Come, and talk with Him,** and you will find such a power in His word, far exceeding all other evidence. The woman was amazed not only that Jesus knew the facts of her life, but that He loved her, knowing everything about her! We sometimes fear that if someone knew *all that I ever did*, they could not love us! But Jesus loved this woman!

Joh 4:31 In the meantime His disciples urged Him, saying, "Rabbi, eat."

- **Now the situation switches from the woman to the disciples.** After all, we went into town, and we faced those mean Samaritans just to buy this food for You. Come on and eat!

Joh 4:32 But He said to them, "I have food to eat of which you do not know."

- **Just like the Samaritan woman's misunderstanding of Jesus words regarding literal water,** Jesus' own disciples thought only of literal food. John commonly used such misunderstandings to advance the argument of the Gospel.

Joh 4:33 Therefore the disciples said to one another, "Has anyone brought Him anything to eat?"

Joh 4:34 Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to finish His work."

- **God's work of redeeming lost humanity, God's work of restoring wrecked lives,** Jesus said, That's what satisfies Me. That's the bread that gives Me full satisfaction. I'm doing the Father's work! The work of redemption. The redemption of lost mankind. How interesting, I've come *to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to finish His work.*
- **The work of God is not finished until you have received the grace of God,** the pardon and the forgiveness of your sins, and that new life of fellowship with Him. Jesus came to bring you into fellowship with the Father. He came to pay the price to redeem you. It was sin, that broke your relationship with God. There in the Garden of Eden when Adam sinned, there was a severing of that fellowship with God. Jesus came to restore the fellowship, the possibility of man being a total person again. Man's spirit becoming alive and thus in fellowship with God. *I've come to do the will of Him who sent Me and to finish His work!* When He talked with the Samaritan woman, Jesus was performing the will of the Father and thereby received greater sustenance and satisfaction than any mere physical food could offer Him.
- **Interestingly enough, on the cross as Jesus was dying, He said, (Joh 19:30) So when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, "It is finished!" And bowing His head, He gave up His spirit.** The work of redemption. He made the way for you and for me to be able to come to the Father and receive the forgiveness of our sins. To drink of the water of life. To never thirst again!

Joh 4:35 Do you not say, 'There are still four months and then comes the harvest'? Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes and look at the fields, for they are already white for harvest!

- **So oftentimes we look at an area and we think, Oh boy, that area is going to take a lot of work.** Those people just aren't ready. Jesus said, Don't say it's going to take four months, you are going to have to plow and plant and then cultivate and it's going to be four months before we can harvest. He said, just look up. Look at the fields. *They are already white for harvest. Can you look around and see this today?*
- **One commentator said that the people wore white turbans** and as they were coming from the city through the fields, you could see these white turbans of the men of Shechem as they were on the way out where Jesus was. He said, Look, the fields are white already to harvest, as they were coming on out to hear the word from Jesus. If we only realized, the fields around us are ready for harvesting. In **(Mat 9:37-38) Then He said to His disciples, "The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few. [38] Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest!"**

Joh 4:36 And he who reaps receives wages, and gathers fruit for eternal life, that both he who sows and he who reaps may rejoice together.

Joh 4:37 For in this the saying is true: 'One sows and another reaps.'

- **Paul the apostle picked this up in his epistles. He said, (1Co 3:7-8) So then neither he who plants is anything, nor he who waters, but God who gives the increase. [8] Now he who plants, and he who waters are one, and each one will receive his own reward according to his own labor.** Many times, God calls us just to sow the seed. We may never see the result of that seed that is sowed. It may be that someone else will come along and water it. Someone else will come along and reap.
- **We look at the great crusades of Billy Graham and we think, My, isn't that marvellous?** Look how many people are going forward to receive Jesus Christ. For all of those that are going forward, there's been just an awful lot of prayer. There's been a lot of witnessing. There have been people who have been sharing with them. People that invited them to go to the meeting with them. A lot of planting. A lot of watering. And Billy Graham has the blessing of reaping. Drawing in the net.
- **What a blessing. So, one sows, one reaps. But we're all of us working together for the same cause.** Thus, we rejoice in the opportunity to sow seed. We also rejoice when we see the reaping, the fruit of the seed that has been sown. So, we rejoice together. He that sows and he that reaps!

Joh 4:38 I sent you to reap that for which you have not labored; others (the prophets and John the Baptist) have labored, and you have entered into their labors."

- **I sent you to reap.** To preach the Gospel, and gather in souls by your ministry; referring to the mission of them in **(Mat 10:6) But go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.**

- *That for which you have not labored*, being sent to the Jews, who had the writings of the prophets, and were versed in them; and had learned from them that the Messiah was to come, and were now in general expectation of Him.
- *Others have labored*, the prophets, and John the Baptist:
- *And you have entered into their labors*, to finish the work they had begun, and which was almost done, to their hands.

The Savior of the World – vs. 39-42

Joh 4:39 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."

- **When she shared with them, they believed!** Wow, maybe this is the Messiah! They believed her witness, her testimony, A great company was reached in Samaria through this woman with the “shady” past! What a great example for us!

Joh 4:40 So when the Samaritans had come to Him, they urged Him to stay with them; and He stayed there two days.

Joh 4:41 And many more believed because of His own word.

Joh 4:42 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."

- **Wow, Jesus doesn't receive this invitation from any of the Jews, but here from the hated Samaritans! They want Him to stay!** Jesus does this also for the benefit of His disciples, seeing what they will learn from being with and witnessing to the hated group! This teaches us so much about loving all groups and not hating various segments! What about my heart?
- **The Christ, the Savior of the world.** This phrase occurs also in *(1Jn 4:14) And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent the Son as Savior of the world.* Verse 42 constitutes the climax to the story of the woman of Samaria. The Samaritans themselves became another in a series of witnesses in John's Gospel that demonstrated the identity of Jesus as the Messiah and Son of God. This episode represents the first instance of cross-cultural evangelism.
- **Later on, Philip is going to go into Samaria and preach Christ unto them.** Multitudes will believe and be baptized. Philip is going to have a tremendously successful revival meeting in Samaria. But here, seeds are being sown already. The way is being prepared for the future harvest!

Welcome at Galilee – vs. 43-45

Joh 4:43 Now after the two days He departed from there and went to Galilee.

Joh 4:44 For Jesus Himself testified that a prophet has no honor in his own country.

- **After two days in Samaria, Jesus traveled to Galilee**, resuming the trip that began in the beginning of this chapter.
- **This proverb, we see also in His rejection in Nazareth**, *(Mat 13:57; Mar 6:4)* contrasts the believing response of the Samaritans here, with the characteristic unbelief of Jesus' own people in Galilee and Judea, whose weak faith depended so much on Jesus' performance of miracles. While in Samaria, Jesus had enjoyed His first unqualified and unopposed success! His own people's hearts were not open to Him, but exhibited reluctance and hardness.

Joh 4:45 So when He came to Galilee, the Galileans received Him, having seen all the things He did in Jerusalem at the feast; for they also had gone to the feast.

- **When Jesus said that a prophet has no honor in his own country**, He could have been referring to Judea because when He came on into Galilee, many then did receive Him because they had been down at Jerusalem at the feast and saw what He did.

A Nobleman's Son is Healed – 46-54!

Joh 4:46 So Jesus came again to Cana of Galilee where He had made the water wine. And there was a certain nobleman (royal official, an officer of the king) whose son was sick at Capernaum.

- **Cana - This is just a few miles from Nazareth towards the Sea of Galilee.** You remember at the wedding feast when they had run out of wine and Mary came to Jesus and told Him of the problem. Jesus turned the water into wine. So, He came again to *Cana*.
- **And there was a certain nobleman.** A “royal official,” an officer of the king. So this man was no doubt one of the officials in Herod’s government. But this nobleman, ***Whose son was sick at Capernaum***, twenty-seven miles northeast of Cana.

Joh 4:47 When he heard that Jesus had come out of Judea into Galilee, he went to Him and implored (begged) Him to come down and heal his son, for he was at the point of death.

- **This man was desperate. His son is at the point of death.** He has heard about Jesus. He has heard about the miracles, about the healings. He has confidence that if Jesus would just come to Capernaum, touch his son, that his son would be healed. Notice the thinking of the importance of location, being in the presence, and touching, in order to be healed.
- **Implored Him.** The language here indicates that he repeatedly begged Jesus to heal his son. His approach to Jesus was out of desperation, but he had little appreciation of who Jesus was. Apparently, the nobleman's motivation centered more in Jesus' reputation as a miracle worker rather than as the Messiah.

Joh 4:48 Then Jesus said to him, "Unless you people see signs and wonders, you will by no means believe."

- **He sort of rebuffed this man. Unless you see signs and wonders, you won't believe.** The belief that comes by seeing signs and wonders is a shallow belief. You remember in (*Joh 2:23-24*) *Now when He was in Jerusalem at the Passover, during the feast, many believed in His name when they saw the signs which He did. [24] But Jesus did not commit Himself to them, because He knew all men. Why? Because their faith was based upon signs and wonders. It was based upon seeing the miraculous. It was not solidly based upon the word of God.*
- **God's Word is the sure foundation upon which to build your house of faith.** You cannot build a strong house on experience. Many people are endeavoring to do so. But the foundation is weak and when the storm comes, the house will crumble. You've got to build your house upon the strong foundation of the Word of God. So Jesus is saying, “You won't believe unless you see signs and wonders.” He's looking for a deeper faith than that. One that is founded upon God's Word, founded upon fact.
- **Feelings can change. They can change radically.** You can feel all bubbly, joyous, and happy and you can feel exhilarated today, but be miserable and depressed tomorrow. If your salvation was dependent upon your feelings, then the assumption would be, I'm saved today, but I'm lost tomorrow. You have to base it upon the solid Word of God. This is what God said. God's Word doesn't change. Your feelings will change. You can't base it upon experience.
- **Satan is going to be showing all kinds of lying miracles and wonders through the antichrist,** deceiving many. Your faith must be founded upon the fact of God's Word. God said it. God's Word is certain! God's Word is sure!

Joh 4:49 The nobleman said to Him, "Sir, come down before my child dies!"

- **Again, he's insisting that Jesus come to Capernaum.** Make this twenty-seven-mile journey. Touch my son. The nobleman believed that only by Jesus being in the physical presence of his son, could his son be healed!

Joh 4:50 Jesus said to him, "Go your way; your son lives." So the man believed the word that Jesus spoke to him, and he went his way.

- **Jesus gave the word. Faith has to be founded on the word.** Jesus gave him the word upon which to found his faith. Jesus said, *Your son lives!* So now he has the opportunity to establish his faith on the word of Jesus.
- **They didn't have telephones.** He couldn't call up and say, Honey, how is he doing? He just had to go believing the word of Jesus. **Jesus gave him opportunity for a deeper faith than just seeing** the miracles. But faith now in the word where our faith must always stand.
- **So the man believed the word that Jesus spoke to him, and he went his way.** A challenge. He rose to it.

Jesus gave him the word to believe. *Your son lives!* He believed the word that Jesus spoke. How important that we believe the word. Would you, would I have *believed*?

Joh 4:51 And as he was now going down, his servants met him and told him, saying, "Your son lives!"

Joh 4:52 Then he inquired of them the hour when he got better. And they said to him, "Yesterday at the seventh hour the fever left him."

- **He thought maybe the healing would be gradual.** When did he start getting well? When did he begin to amend?
- ***Yesterday at the seventh hour the fever left him!*** One o'clock in the afternoon.

Joh 4:53 So the father knew that it was at the same hour in which Jesus said to him, "Your son lives." And he himself believed, and his whole household.

- ***At the same hour.*** The time when the official's son improved corresponded precisely with the time that he had spoken with Jesus. This served to strengthen the nobleman's faith and, as a result, the "*whole household*" believed! (***Act 16:34*** - Philippian jailer) *Now when he had brought them into his house, he set food before them; and he rejoiced, having believed in God with all his household.*

Joh 4:54 This again is the second sign Jesus did when He had come out of Judea into Galilee.

- **John is recording these miracles selecting them.** Here is an interesting miracle in that Jesus is showing that with God, distance is nothing. From Cana, He can speak the word of faith that is activated immediately twenty-seven miles away. So distance is nothing with God working. He can speak the word of faith here and over there, twenty-seven miles away there's an activity as a result of the faith. The boy is healed; at that very moment, the fever leaves him. Just think how encouraging this is with respect to our prayers, regardless of location and distance from the need!

SUMMARY:

A Samaritan Woman Meets Her Messiah – The Savior of the World. Having Been Born Again – The New Birth:

- ***Drink of this water but you will thirst again,*** "but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst.
- ***You Jews say that in Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship.*** "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 woman said to Him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When He comes, He will tell us all things." Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am He." The first time in public.***

The Whiteners Harvest:

- ***And he who reaps receives wages, and gathers fruit for eternal life, that both he who sows and he who reaps may rejoice together. One sows and another reaps.***

The Savior of the World:

- ***Come, see a Man who told me all things that I ever did. Could this be the Christ? 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."***
- ***So when the Samaritans had come to Him, they urged Him to stay with them; and He stayed there two days. And many more believed because of His own word. We know that this is indeed the Christ, the Savior of the world."***

A Nobleman's Son is Healed:

- ***The Nobleman went to Him and implored Him to come down and heal his son, for he was at the point of death. Touch my son. Jesus said to him, "Go your way; your son lives." So the man believed the word that Jesus spoke to him, and he went his way. He himself believed, and his whole household.***

CLOSING SONG: *Joh 4:26 Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am He." -- I am the Messiah!*

JESUS MESSIAH – Chris Tomlin (4:23/4:26)

*He became sin Who knew no sin That we might become His Righteousness
He humbled himself and carried the cross Love so amazing Love so amazing
Jesus Messiah Name above all names Blessed Redeemer Emmanuel
The rescue for sinners The ransom from Heaven Jesus Messiah Lord of all
His body the bread His blood the wine Broken and poured out all for love
The whole earth trembled, And the veil was torn Love so amazing Love so amazing, yeah
Jesus Messiah Name above all names Blessed Redeemer Emmanuel
The rescue for sinners The ransom from Heaven Jesus Messiah Lord of all
All our hope is in You All our hope is in You All the glory to You, God The light of the world
Jesus Messiah Name above all names Blessed Redeemer Emmanuel
The rescue for sinners The ransom from Heaven Jesus Messiah Lord of all
Jesus Messiah Lord of all You're the Lord of all! The Lord of all*

CLOSING PRAYER:

Read and study John Chapter 5

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