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**The Book of John****Lesson 10**

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Read John 4:1-29

**M**any of you know by know from doing our Bible lessons, that we do not use alliterations, but this just seems to be appropriate for this chapter, you have the woman, the well, the worship, the witness, and the white fields.

**John 4:1-3** *When therefore the Lord knew how the Pharisees had heard that Jesus made and baptized more disciples than John, (Though Jesus himself baptized not, but his disciples,) He left Judaea, and departed again into Galilee (KJV)*

He is avoiding conflict with these men in the early part of His ministry. It is not time for Him to be taken. He knows at that time it is going to end in crucifixion. So this resentment of the Pharisees over His growing popularity and fame causes Him to depart and go into another area.

**John 4:4** *And he must needs go through Samaria.* Now if you are familiar with the story at all, Jesus is going to end up at a well asking for a drink of water. He did not need to go through Samaria to get a drink of water; He needed to go through Samaria to meet a woman who was there drawing water. Think about this woman - she is about to get light and she is going to receive it and get more light. Always remember that Jesus needed to initiate that giving of light. It starts with the Lord and then you respond. The Samaritans need light. Here comes their light.

**John 4:5-6** *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. vs. 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.* What do you get in verse 6 that seems a little out of character for the gospel of John? "Jesus is wearied." Here is His humanity in view. The Father in heaven without a body of flesh, He does not get weary from journeying. Jesus sat thus on the well, thus that is He sat there weary from the journey. Sure is nice that we can go to Jesus when we are weary and tired and say, "Lord, I am so tired..." and Jesus can say, "yes, I know what that is like..." I have been so tired and yet in the midst of His weariness here is yet another person needing some help. The Bible says, and it was about the sixth hour. The sixth hour, why is the Bible precise to mention this hour in this verse, would be a good study for any of you.

We do not know what hour it was when Jesus met Nicodemus. All we know is that it was night. We do not know what hour Jesus made the whip and drove the people out of the temple. So why the reference to the sixth hour? "What is the sixth hour?" It would be noon. It would be high noon. As the verse in Genesis says "Evening and the morning were the first day." Are there not twelve hours in a day? Work while there is day. So if you have twelve hours in a day, the sixth hour would be high noon.

**John 4:7** *There cometh a woman of Samaria to draw water: Jesus saith unto her, Give me to drink.* Can you remember somebody in the Old Testament that said, give me to drink? David wished for water from a well at Bethlehem. Somebody said, give me a drink. Art thou that prophet Elias? Do you remember Elijah and that widow woman - she was out there gathering sticks and meal and the barrel was about to fail and he said, make me a little cake first and get me something to drink. Twice, two times on earth Jesus asked

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something from others. Both times He asked for water. Here at the well and when He was hanging on the cross. He said, I thirst. And both times He did not get what He asked for.

Jesus saith unto her, John 4:7-8 - *Give me to drink.* (For his disciples were gone away unto the city to buy meat.) 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.* At that time Israel was a nation that had perverted everything God gave them. He gave them the law. Rather than to use the law to walk with God, they twisted and perverted the law and made it something to use to exercise lordship over the common people. He gave them privileges; and they used those privileges to puff themselves up.

Remember the story of Jonah where he did not want to go to Nineveh - that Jewish nation that was supposed to be a light to the Gentiles and a blessing to the world became so proud over being God's chosen people that rather than carry the good news to the Samaritans, they would not even talk to them.

Here is a background on the Samaritans. When the king of Assyria invaded Judah and he carried the people captive down into Babylon, do you remember he left a poor and afflicted remnant in the land to operate timber and farms and that sort of thing to keep the land from being overgrown. Well, ...the king of Assyria brought men from Babylon, and from Cuthah, and from Ava, and from Hamath, and from Sepharvaim, and placed them in the cities of Samaria instead of the children of Israel: and they possessed Samaria, and dwelt in the cities thereof. 2 Kings 17

What happened was, that poor remnant that stayed in the land and then some of the Jews as they began to come back... slip away from the captivity there, they inter-married with these Babylonians who are occupying Samaria. And so the Samaritans over time became - when you read about Samaritans, those are half-breeds. They are mixed blood. They are half-Jew, half Babylonian or half Jew and half Assyrian or half Jew and half Gentile; and that Jew with all of his national pride and so-called we are separate from the people and we do not mix, or mingle," they would not have any dealings with the Samaritans because they were considered to be of an impure blood line. It was a fact so well established and well known that this woman just could not believe that Jesus was even speaking to her. That was to the extent of racial hatred and bigotry.

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.* There is something interesting about Jesus when you compare chapter 3 and chapter 4. Nicodemus came at night most likely to guard his reputation. "Well, what if they see me talking to Jesus..." Jesus Christ is sitting on a well in broad daylight talking to a woman of evil reputation and He is not at least a bit ashamed of it. Look - if you are doing right, it does not matter whose watching. *Jesus said, I have done nothing in secret.* He is in broad daylight talking to that Samaritan woman. And He says, if you only knew - look what He says, the gift of God, it is pretty clear you do not earn His gift. ...**and who it is...** If thou knewest the gift of God and who it is - that is exactly right. The gift of God is a person - it is me. He is saying, I am the gift of God. ... 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.

Now, we love that verse looking back at it; but how in the world could she have known what He was talking about? Or how could she have been expected to do that? She just would not walk up to a well and see a man sitting there and say, "Sir, could you give me living waters, so that I could never thirst again?" What is Jesus doing? He's doing what He wants everyone of us to do. Initiate a conversation, provoke some curiosity, get a

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person asking some questions so you can lead them along a path of understanding so you reveal truth to them. He would have given thee living water. Turn to Jeremiah 2, Jeremiah 17, Zechariah 14. Let's take a look at some references here.

Jeremiah 2:13. *For my people have committed two evils; they have forsaken me the fountain of living waters, and hewed them out cisterns, broken cisterns, that can hold no water.* Do you know what The LORD said in Jeremiah 2:13? He said, I am the fountain of living waters. Do you know what Jesus just said in John 4:10? I am the LORD of Jeremiah 2. Now, in Jeremiah 2, what is He rebuking Israel for doing? Forsaking him, the fountain of living waters. What does Jesus do? He goes to Samaria. He is saying to the Jews if you do not want living water; I will go to somebody that does. You want a broken cisterns, you want Pharisees, you want your traditions with your own private interpretations of the law? You want money changers in the temple? Fine, you can have that - I will go down to Samaria and see if they want living water.

Jeremiah 17:13 *O LORD, the hope of Israel, all that forsake thee shall be ashamed, and they that depart from me shall be written in the earth, because they have forsaken the LORD, the fountain of living waters.* Who is the Lord? He is the fountain of living waters. Here is this weary, dusty Man sitting on a well and He says, "do you know who I am?" "Lady, do you have any idea who you are talking to?" I am the Lord of Jeremiah 17.

Turn to Zechariah 14:8. *And it shall be in that day, that living waters shall go out from Jerusalem; half of them toward the former sea, and half of them toward the hinder sea: in summer and in winter shall it be.* That is an actual literal river coming out there; but where does it come out from? It comes out from Jerusalem. Where is the throne? In Jerusalem. Who is sitting on the throne? Jesus Christ. He is the source of that living water. Isaiah 12:2-3 *Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and not be afraid: for the LORD JEHOVAH is my strength and my song; he also is become my salvation. Therefore with joy shall ye draw water out of the wells of salvation.* Now, who is the salvation, verse 2? God. How do you get that salvation? Verse 3, you draw water out of the well. He is the fountain of living waters.

John 4:11 *The woman saith unto him, Jesus just finish saying something spiritual; but because she does not know the scriptures, she thinks it was something physical. The woman saith unto him, Sir thou hast nothing to draw with, and the well is deep: from whence then hast thou that living water?* She thinks that the living water is down there in that well. Think about it. She was not interested in the gospel. She was interested in water. So where did Jesus begin in witnessing to her? Talking about water. We learn a lesson about witnessing to the lost from how Jesus begins to talk with the woman at the well. If you would like to learn how to witness, listen first start talking to that person and find out what they are interested in. Maybe sports, or clothes or cars or finance whatever your audience is interested in, start there. Start where they are and give them a little light. And if they respond, bring them a little farther. Meet people in your conversation where they are and witness to them from that starting point.

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?* Now, you have to admit, that is a very unusual piece of land over there. Here is Jesus He is sitting on this stone wall that surrounds this well of water that Jacob actually watered his cattle from thousands of years before.

*Jesus answered and said unto her, Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again: 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 answered her in verse 14 - He is answering the same way he answered Nicodemus. Direct and to the

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point *"if all you get from this well is the physical, you are going to die. If you get the spiritual, you will never die. I do not want you to keep coming to something external for your salvation; I want to put something inside you that will save you and keep you saved. Do you see that?* She must be having to come to this well everyday to get physical water. But if on this one day she will take the living water, she will never have to come back and get it again. It will be springing up inside her everlasting life.

Now, think about something with me. I believe in rightly dividing the word. I believe in dispensations. Jesus said to Nicodemus he could be born again. Jesus did not say, "Nicodemus, one day when you are able to, you must be born again." He told that man that night, you must be born again. Jesus told this woman at the well that if she would receive the water that He would give to her it would be a well of water spring up unto everlasting life. He did not say, "In a few years, I'm going to die and rise again and then you can get the Holy Spirit inside you and have everlasting life." He told her right there that day, if you will drink of the water that I give you, you will never thirst again. So I am telling you that unless Jesus was just lying to these people, to set up a good gospel to be written later - Nicodemus had access to a new birth; and the woman at the well had access to living water inside her springing up continually so that she would never thirst again. Now the church, that comes later. The indwelling Holy Spirit to seal and gift all believers, that comes later. The members of his body, that comes later. *But the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord* and here He is offering eternal life. Both the woman and Nicodemus could have that eternal life if they wanted it.

John 4:15 *The woman saith unto him, Sir, give me this water, that I thirst not, neither come hither to draw. Jesus saith unto her... bow your head and repeat after me.* No. No, He did not. Do you know why? Because anyone will cling to there evil deeds or they will come to the light? A decision has to be made, all or nothing no partiality with Jesus, he wants all of you, you must preach repentance toward God and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ, this woman right here, she says, *"Give me this water."* Now if you are those who try to get people to pray a prayer and then tell them they are saved, this is the response you are looking for, but if you want people to be really saved you must be firm and tell them about their sin and that they must REPENT.

Who are those that the scripture speaks of in Mark 4:6 *But when the sun was up, it was scorched; and because it had no root, it withered away.* These are those who have heard a portion of the scripture, but they had no root, who is the root? Jesus! What happens to people who go through life thinking they are saved when they are not, I will tell you from experience they end up being some of the most bitter and worse advocates against the cause of Christ, why? Because they tried it but it did nothing for them. So whenever you witness to someone, if they say they are saved, did deeper and try the spirits to see if they are of God, see if they ever repented all and gave all to Jesus, if not help them to see the true light.

So she is going to have to repent and by her repentance we know she wants light. So He says, *Go, call thy husband, and come hither.* Now, you know that He knows what is going on in her house. But the Lord always does that. *"Adam... Adam... where art thou?"* Genesis 3:9 God knew exactly where Adam was or how about when He asked Cain where his brother was? God knew, or how about when he asked Jonah why he was pouting, God knew why, so why do you think He asked the woman to go call her husband? - *if thy shall confess with thou mouth,* God is putting people in a position to tell the truth about their condition before Him *"The woman answered and said, I have no husband."* Now, do you know

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what that is? Remember John 1? That is guile. Did she lie? She did not lie. Did she try to mislead? Yes, she tried to mislead. *I have no husband. Jesus said unto her, Thou hast well said, I have no husband: For thou hast had five husbands; and he whom thou now hast is not thy husband: in that saidst thou truly.* Now, you see how He reminds her of her sin?

Who are these teaching that having a physical encounter with somebody made them your husband or your wife? When this woman is living in a physical relationship with a man and Jesus clearly says, that is not your husband. This teaching that sexual relations make a marriage and if you have sexual relations with somebody you are married - that is a false teaching, that is not in the Bible. When David committed adultery with Bathsheba, do you know who God called her the next day? The wife of Uriah the Hittite. She did not become David's wife when they had sexual relations. She was still another man's wife. If sexual relations constitute a marriage, you could never commit adultery? You would just get a new wife.

In the law, if a man sexually assaulted a woman he was required to then go get her and marry her. They were not married as soon as they did the sexual act.

So Jesus says to this woman, *I know you do not have a husband right now; but you do have a man that you are intimate with and I want you to go get him.* At this point she is all shook up. And she says in verse 19, *Sir, I perceive that thou art a prophet.* Her next response is so typical of anyone you are trying to witness too, when they have been caught in there sin, they will respond with some off the wall question, She does not say, "You know I am sorry, I have been living a wicked life..." All of a sudden she decides, *I am going to ask Him a question about the Bible He cannot answer. I am going to change the subject and take the pressure off. "Our fathers worshipped in this mountain; and ye say, that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship.* What does that have to do with you going to get your husband?

God's witness: *"You know you're a sinner..."*

Lost person: *"Well, I don't think I'm all that bad."*

God's witness: *"You ever get drunk..."*

Lost person: *"Well, you know...."*

God's witness: *"Doesn't the Bible say drunkenness is a sin? Let me show you, right here it does..."*

Lost person: *"Well,...Let me ask you something... Where did Cain get his wife?"*

God's witness: *You don't care about where Cain got his wife; (deal with the sin)*

The woman at the well did not care about what mountain was the right place to worship. The conversation was getting too close to her; and she has to change the subject.

Jesus goes with her just a little way down the road of her side trip to the conversation, but quickly pulls her back to what is important and puts more truth right in her until she finally is convinced, believing she leaves her physical water pot becomes a witness for Jesus by telling the men of her city. Are you a witness?

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**The Book of John**

Lesson 10

Read John 4:1-29

Name \_\_\_\_\_

1. How many persons were actually baptized by Jesus?
2. What is significant about Jesus being wearied with His journey?
3. Can you think of any other biblical events that took place at the sixth hour?
4. What lessons about witnessing can we learn from the way Jesus engaged this woman in conversation?
5. Why did the Jews have no dealings with the Samaritans?
6. Show the differences with the well with the living water:
  - a. its source:
  - b. its satisfaction:
  - c. its cost:
7. What does the response of verse 15 say about the woman's understanding and desires?
8. Why does Jesus seem to change the subject in verse 16?

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9. What does this suggest about our witnessing to the unsaved?
  
10. Why did Jesus ask her to bring her husband when He knew she was not presently married?
  
11. Explain the following terms:
  - a. shall never thirst
  - b. shall be in him
  - c. into everlasting life
  - d. God is a Spirit
  - e. he whom thou now hast
  
12. Why did Jesus not confront her with her sin when He first started there discussion?
  
13. Do you see any interesting differences in the way Jesus dealt with Nicodemus and the way he dealt with the woman at the well?

## True/false

- You can believe and be saved without repenting
- Even if you do receive the gift of eternal life you still have to work for God to keep it.
- The woman at the well is a prime example of how a person acts before and after they become born again.



Scripture Memorization; (write these on the back on the sheet, Must be in KJV)  
John 4:14; John 4: 24; John 3:36

any questions?