

Evangelism 102

John 4: 16 – 27

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Series: John: The Deity of Christ

John 4: 16 -20

¹⁶ He 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 correctly said, ‘I have no husband’; ¹⁸ for you have had five husbands, and the one whom you now have is not your husband; this you have said truly.” ¹⁹ The woman said to Him, “Sir, I perceive that You are a prophet. ²⁰ “Our fathers worshiped in this mountain, and you *people* say that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship.”

John 4: 21 - 24

²¹ Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe Me, an hour is coming when neither in this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. ²² “You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³ “But an hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for such people the Father seeks to be His worshipers. ²⁴ “God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.”

John 4: 25 - 27

²⁵ The woman said to Him, “I know that Messiah is coming (He who is called Christ); when that One comes, He will declare all things to us.” ²⁶ Jesus said to her, “I who speak to you am *He*.” ²⁷ At this point His disciples came, and they were amazed that He had been speaking with a woman, yet no one said, “What do You seek?” or, “Why do You speak with her?”

The Problem of Sin. Vv. 16 – 18.

- Sin's separation must be dealt with.
 - Jesus sends her to call her husband.
 - She replies with half truth.
 - Jesus brings out the whole truth.
 - Before she could receive the living water, be saved, she must confess her sin of immorality.
- Without confession of sin there is no salvation.
 - Unlike Jesus we do not know the exact sin, but know that all have sinned (CF. Romans 3: 23)
 - We must lead people to recognize their sin and confess it to be saved.

Keep to the Point. Vv. 19 – 24.

- A Legitimate question?
 - Is she looking for the place to come and confess?
 - Is she attempting to deter focus off herself?
- Jesus responds without getting off point.
 - The hour is coming where place is not important.
 - The point is not where, but how one worships.
 - God determined salvation from the Jews.
 - Worship in spirit refers to whole hearted and committed worship.
 - Worship in truth refers to Jesus as truth and His word.

Focus on Jesus. Vv. 25 – 27.

- Finally she speaks of her hope to hear from the Messiah herself to gain full understanding.
 - Could this have been an attempt to close the conversation?
- Jesus replies as God saying – I Am.
 - Amazing that He did so first to a woman of Samaria.
 - The Samaritans unlike Jews, had no political motives behind their concept of the Messiah.
- At the right time the disciples return.
 - They wisely keep their mouths shut for once.

Conclusion

- We learn of the final steps to salvation in Jesus' last statements to the Samaritan woman.
 - Admit that you are a sinner – For all have sinned (Romans 3: 23).
 - Confess that you need the Savior and cannot save yourself.
 - Believe in Jesus as your Savior and Lord. (Romans 10: 9 – 10).
- Start a conversation, turn conversation to spiritual things, pique interest, point to sin and need to confess, then point to Jesus as Savior and Lord.