

CHARITY MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH BIBLE STUDY
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2022
TRUE WORSHIPPERS – JOHN CHAPTER 4



1. Who are “Jacob” and “Joseph”? John 4:5

ANSWER: Jacob is the grandson and Joseph is the great-grandson of Abraham (Read Genesis Chapters 12 thru 25 for the full life story).

2. What is Jacob’s well? John 4:6

ANSWER: Jacob's well was the setting in John 4 for Jesus' meeting with the Samaritan woman. The woman had come to the well to draw water and, in the process, discovered Jesus was the Messiah. A place where a sinful woman met Jesus.

Jacob's well touches both physical and spiritual needs. The well provided fresh water for people to drink, which Jesus used as a metaphor for the spiritual living water He offered for those who accept Him. (Read John 4:13-14).

3. Why was Jesus “tired”? John 4:6

ANSWER: It was about “**the sixth hour**” (about noon). Most likely he is tired from all the walking and the sun being at its highest peak. The fact that Jesus got tired attests to Him having been fully man, as well as fully God when He was on the earth.

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4. What name identity was given to the Woman at the well? John 4:7

ANSWER: A Samaritan Woman or Woman of Samaria

5. Why was Jesus sitting by the well, and where were His disciples? John 4:8

ANSWER:

- Jesus and His disciples had traveled a long way and the day was hot. Jesus disciples went to the store to buy some food as it was getting dark. It was not coincident that Jesus went to the well. Jesus didn't necessarily stop to get a drink of water. He purposefully stopped to have a conversation with the Samaritan woman. Jesus was showing compassion and empathy for the Samaritan people. Jesus was bridging the gap between the Jews and Samaritans.
- Jesus conversed, communicated, talked with the Samaritan Woman. Jesus diverted the conversation to share with the woman to squash all the bad blood, forget about all the negative stuff, move beyond shortfalls and get on board with true worshipers. The heart of a true worshipper is not about race. Jesus was asking the woman where her heart is in the matter of Worship.

6. Why did the Jews have no dealings with the Samaritans? John 4:9

ANSWER:

- After Israel was defeated by the Assyrians (II Kings 17:24), there was a city (Samaria) occupied by people from a wide variety of nations. The Jews intertwined and married people from all nations who served other gods.

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- The Samaritan religion grew to become a mixture of pagan worship with variations of worship of the Lord (2 Kings 17:26-28). The Jewish people looked down on Samaritans and had little to do with them for several reasons: their mixed-ethnicity, their ignorance and disregard of the ways of God, and their worship of God on Mount Gerizim instead of at the Temple in Jerusalem.

7. What factor surprised the woman as Jesus began to speak to her? John 4:9

ANSWER: The woman couldn't believe that a Jew would talk to a Samaritan more less than a Samaritan Woman

8. What questions did the Woman at the Well Ask Jesus in verses 9, 11 and 12 (NLT)?

ANSWER:

- Why are you asking me for a drink? (v.9)
- Where would you get this living water? (v. 11)
- Do you think you're greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us this well? How can you offer better water than he and his sons and his animals enjoyed? (12)

9. Where can you find in the Bible, the following Scripture? John 4:23-24

ANSWER: *“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.”*

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10. How should we worship God? John 4:24

ANSWER: We should worship God in spirit and in truth

11. What does the story of the Samaritan woman at the well teach us?

ANSWER:

- It is a reminder to us that God can save us no matter our circumstances, and that we do not need to overcome our sins in our own power before coming to Him. Additionally, as we spread the Gospel to our neighbors, we must remember to share it openly to all, even those whom society deems the lowest and unworthy.
- The Jews despised the Samaritans and rejected them as spiritual and racial unclean; and the Samaritans in turn rejected the Jews. When “Philip” went to Samaria to preach Christ, he crossed racial, cultural, historical and theological barriers.
- The story of the woman at the well is a great example of love, truth, redemption, and acceptance. Jesus accepts the Samaritan woman and He accepts us as we are. Romans 10:12-13 *“For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him. For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.”*

12. What is a fact that Jesus revealed to the woman at the well? John 4:26

ANSWER: Jesus revealed that “He is the Messiah”

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Bonus Question:

What can be found in the story that is still going on in today's society? How can we overcome it?

ANSWER:

- Racism in America
- To be like Jesus and become true worshippers

True worshippers take off the blinders, resentment, and contention, take off pretending and replace with love and adoration for God. True worshippers get in the trenches, roll up their sleeves, and Worship for real, with their whole heart.

William Temple said,

- 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

John MacArthur says,

- Worship is loving God, honoring God, knowing God, adoring Him, obeying God proclaiming God.
- **Revelation 7:11-12 KJV** *"And all the angels stood round about the throne, and about the elders and the four beasts, and fell before the throne on their faces, and worshipped God, saying, Amen: Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honour, and power, and might, be unto our God for ever and ever. Amen."*

Revelation 4:10-11 KJV

- The four and twenty elders fell down before God that sat on the throne, and worshipped him that liveth for ever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying, Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.
- The Samaritan Woman believed in Jesus, and then returned to her town to tell others who came to see for themselves. **John 4:41-42** concludes, *"And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, 'It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is indeed the Savior of the world.'"*