

Jesus, God, Seeker & Savior

February 15, 2026

Pastor Mark Turner

John 4:15-42

Oak Community Church (PCA)

John Needed to Be at His Sovereign Appointment

- Gospel free offered to all... God specifically saves particular individuals
- Meeting with woman was Sovereignly Ordained Divine Appointment
- Jesus crossed boundaries, woman was intrigued
- Woman sought the water Jesus was offering¹⁵

God Knows Our Sin

- Jesus teaches & draws by dealing with her sin: *Go, call your husband*¹⁶
- Woman confesses sin - *I have no husband*¹⁷ Jesus knew... He is God
- Jesus/God has full knowledge of all our sins! Cain^{Gen4:10}; Sarah^{Gen18:12}; Achan^{Josh7:18-26}; Jonah; King David^{25:11:27}; what is your sin?
- Our sin separates us from a Holy God & sin offends God's Holy^{Isa6:3-7} nature
- Our sin causes us to flee God's presence^{Gen3:7,8}. God seeks His own^{Gen3:9}

Jesus Came to Deal with Sin

- Jesus confronted woman because He loved^{Jn3:16} her and knew her sin...
- Jesus' ministry was to deal with OUR sin^{Mt1:21;Mt20:28} HE was the solution!
- Sin is the one problem we can't fix on our own - we need Jesus^{2Cor5:21}
- Don't be afraid to address sin - Jesus is the answer!
- Gospel Hope: Mk1:14-15=Repent (confess) & believe in the Gospel

A Change of Subject

- Not quite ready to respond, the woman switched the subject¹⁹⁻²⁰
- She moved conversation from her sin to a theological discussion...
- Jesus doesn't take bait, but focuses on key: how to worship God
- Not dismissing particular location or method but showing how to worship

Guiding Principles for Worship

- Jews & Samaritans had made worship about rituals/location - we must appease God rather than having attitude of humility before a Holy God
- Jesus defines true worship: *worship the Father in spirit and truth*²³⁻²⁴
- Jesus provides perfect Atonement we need^{Jn1:29} not our efforts
- spirit = God desires worship from our inner spirit - Mary^{Lk1:46}; Jeremiah^{7:1-7} God cares more about our hearts than our rituals!
- truth = we must follow God's Word when we worship. Samaritans worship - according to their desires was not according to God's commands
- We do "Seeker sensitive Worship" but the Seeker is God Himself!

A Surprise Answer

- Talk about worship caused woman to remember God's promise of Messiah²⁵
- Jesus declares to her: *I who speak to you: I am!*^{26;Exodus3:14}
- Worship is no longer about place - but through Jesus because of His work!

The Disciples Return

- Disciples marveled Jesus was talking to a woman... but didn't question Jesus
- They were learning Jesus was not just a man...
- Jesus' passion (food) was to do what Father sent Him to do³⁴
- His work allows sinners to have *the living water that wells up to eternal life*¹⁴
- Woman left her jar (old ways) and rushed to tell others w/o shame²⁹
- Because of this sinful woman's witness many believed³⁹⁻⁴¹
- Will you be a witness for Jesus' Amazing Gift?