

We left off with Jesus baptizing near John. He does that for probably 8 months, and then suddenly, abruptly leaves.

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Jn.4:1 **The Pharisees heard that Jesus was making & baptizing more disciples than John, 2 although in fact it was not Jesus who baptized, but his disciples.**

Earlier they'd come to investigate John & led to a confrontation. Implication: would come check J out too – it wasn't time for a confrontation w/ them.

3 When the Lord learned of this, he left (abandoned) Judea & went back once more to Galilee.

Here he would stay until the next Passover

4 Now he had to go through Samaria. Why?

cuz he was fleeing the Pharisees (shortcut)

5 So he came to a town in Samaria called Sychar

Jesus leaves Judea & goes to the place of the Jews' enemies.

Who are the Samaritans?

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Almost 600 years before this, the Jews were taught a lesson. They were mixing in with the surrounding pagans. God repeatedly warned them that if they didn't stop, they would be punished.

They didn't stop, and so Neb. came and took them off the Bab. So here they are cooling their heels in Bab for 70 years. Around 500 BC, they started coming back, and the big question was this: *Now* are you going to remain faithful to God?

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Intermarriage became the issue that was the mark of obedience or disobedience.

The people took a vow that they would obey all God's commands: Nh.10

28 "The rest of the people--priests, Levites, gatekeepers, singers, temple servants & all who separated themselves from the neighboring peoples for the sake of the Law of God, together w/ their wives & all their sons & daughters who are able to understand-- 29 **all these now join their brothers**

the nobles, & bind themselves w/ a curse & an oath to follow the Law of God given through Moses the servant of God & to obey carefully all the commands, regulations & decrees of the LORD our Lord. 30 "We promise not to give our daughters in marriage to the peoples around us or take their daughters for our sons.

31 "When the neighboring peoples bring merchandise or grain to sell on the Sabbath, we will not buy from them on the Sabbath or on any holy day. Every seventh year we will forgo working the land & will cancel all debts.

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How respond when someone wouldn't take the oath?

Ne.13:23 **Moreover, in those days I saw men of Judah who had married women from Ashdod, Ammon & Moab. 24 Half of their children spoke the language of Ashdod or the language of one of the other peoples, & did not know how to speak the language of Judah. 25 I rebuked them & called**

curses down on them. I beat some of the men & pulled out their hair. I made them take an oath in God's name & said: "You are not to give your daughters in marriage to their sons, nor are you to take their daughters in marriage for your sons or for yourselves.

The offspring of the ones who intermarried were Samaritans.

Well, a Jew named Manassa (not the king) married one of Sanballat's daughters. He set up a rival place of W on Gerezim. 2 Chrn.6:6, 7:12, Ps.78:68 clear that are to W in Jer. - meant nothing to Sams (No explicit command in Pent.)

The Jews hated that - they destroyed it 128 BC.

a midrash on Ps.91 - "He who prays in Jer is as one who prays before the throne of glory; for there is the gate of heaven and the open door to the hearing of prayer"

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One Rabbi passing thru Sam on way to J to pray.

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passed G - A Sam saw & asked: "Where going?"
"to J to pray." "Would it not be better for you to
pray in this holy mountain than in that dunghill?"

A similar thing happened to Jesus. When the time came
for Him to go down to Jerusalem to die, He resolutely set
out from Galilee – to go accomplish redemption for the
world. They were going to stop at a town in Samaria, but
when the people of that town find out He was headed to
Jerusalem, they wouldn't welcome them. (James and
John wanted to call fire down).

Lk.9:51-56 As the time approached for him to be taken up to heaven, Jesus resolutely set out for
Jerusalem. 52And he sent messengers on ahead, who went into a Samaritan village to get things ready for
him; 53but the people there did not welcome him, because he was heading for Jerusalem. 54When the
disciples James and John saw this, they asked, "Lord, do you want us to call fire down from heaven to
destroy them?" 55But Jesus turned and rebuked them, 56and they went to another village.
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**5 near the plot of ground Jacob had given to his son
Joseph. 6 Jacob's well was there**
over 100 ft. deep. Why in use? - plenty of
ground water in that area. Why would someone
walk clear out to this well? clue in v.6 (and 12).
The great Patriarch touched it.

It was a sacred place. Keep in mind that for these
people rel = all external. Everything was ritual &
ceremony. As religion degenerates into
externalism, places and things become of
supreme importance.

It was like the Middle Ages with the holy relics.
(like a sliver from the cross)
Still see that:

The big one now is in Naperville, Ill. There they
have a box with the bones of St. Therese of
Lisieux – an important figure from the 19th C.
Just in the first part of last week 4000 people
showed up. They can't touch the bones or the
box, but they come from all over to kiss or touch
the plastic around the box.

It is very, very common, once people fall into a
religion of formalism and externals, to elevate
things are religious items to a high position, and
think they have some magical power.

It's a lot easier to fly somewhere and kiss a piece
of holy plastic than it is to set your mind on
things above, love God and others, and be
genuinely repentant over your sin.

This stuff is all over. You can see the hair of
Mary in Rome, in the cathedral Parugia is her
wedding ring, they have her holy girdle in Crato,
they have some of her milk in Naples, they have
3 shoulder blades, 4 legs, 5 arms, 50 index
fingers all belonging to J the B. They W all of
them.

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Can imagine how important it was to them to
have this undisputed legacy. The Jews and
Samaritans argued and argued (and the Sams
even altered Scripture) over who had the most
authentic sites.

Like if the actual Garden of Gethsemene were in
your town.

[This really was Jacob's well - still there - one of
the most authentic sites in Palestine.](#)

[very important to the Sams. historic site. Joseph
buried there. Gn.33 & 48 & Josh.24:32.
been there 2000 yr. still there - one of the most
authentic sites in Is. could see Gerizim from
there.](#)

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Apparently, this woman was going to that well
to get some religious benefit. Maybe she felt
guilty for her sins, & she felt like a little water
from a holy well couldn't hurt.

John uses an interesting word for "well." Not
the normal word - it is the word for spring. Only
explanation seems to be that it was a well fed by
a spring. This is significant, cuz water that
flowed (which they called "living water") was
considered better for ritual purification.

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6 & Jesus, tired as he was from the journey, sat down by the well. It was about the sixth hour.

7 When a Samaritan woman came to draw water Opps. Uh Oh! What an awkward situation! Why? Think about their culture:

The position of a woman was very low. In Jewish law she was

- strict Rabbi never greet a W on the street, not even his own wife or daughter or sister.
- “bruiseed & bleeding Pharisees” (We have men who bump into walls when women walk by but for a different reason) Being seen w/ such a woman would be the end of his reputation.
- not a person but a thing;
- entirely at disposal of father or husband.
- Forbidden to learn law; to instruct a woman in the L = to cast pearls before swine. The Rabbis so despised women & so thought them incapable of receiving any real teaching that they said: "Better that the words of the law should be burned than deliver to women."
15:13
When Ben Azzai suggested that a woman be taught the Law for certain purposes, Rabbi Eliazar answered, “If any man gives his daughter a knowledge of the law it is as though he taught her lechery (gross sexual sin).
- no part in the synagogue service; shut apart in a section of the synagogue, or in a gallery, where they could not be seen. A man came to the synagogue to learn; but, at the most, a woman came to hear. - In the synagogue the lesson from Scripture was read by members of the congregation; but not by women, for that would have been to lessen "the honour of the congregation."
- Absolutely forbidden for woman to teach in a school; not even the youngest children.
- Jewish morning prayer man thanked God that God hadn't made him "a Gentile, a slave or a W"

- One Rabbi ... "talk not much w/ a W.' Hence the wise have said: `Everyone that talketh much w/ a W causes evil to himself, & desists from the works of the Law, & his end is that he inherits Hell."

How else to talk?

16:48

What is much? One man asked a woman, “By what road do we go to Lydda?” & he was rebuked. He should have said, “By which to Lydda?”

- Greek situation was even worse - priestesses who were sacred prostitutes
. The respectable Greek woman led a very confined life. She lived in her own quarters into which no one but her husband came. She did not even appear at meals. She never at any time appeared on the street alone; she never went to any public assembly.

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Sam woman even worse - much worse. Rabbis debated about whether or not it would defile a Jew to eat w/ a Samaritan present. But there was no debate about the women. taught that they were as unclean & defiled as menstrual rags from the cradle. as unclean as it was possible to be.

So you can feel the tension in the original readers as this woman approaches.

She kicks a rock. Still stays. “*Is he deaf?*” clears her throat. wants him to leave before she arrives. She has had enough condescending sneers & would just as soon be left alone. Jesus uses the same respectful term as w/ his mother (Cana).

His friendly greeting would have been a shock - But what he said next really floored her.

JESUS SHOWS KINDNESS (OVER RITUAL)

19:56

7 Jesus said to her, "Will you give me a drink?"

Wow! He not only spoke to her, he asked for a drink (the well was deep & he had no skin).

To us sounds like he is asking for a favor, but in their situation he was bestowing a great honor

8 (His disciples had gone into the town to buy food.)

9 The Samaritan woman said to him, "You are a Jew & I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink?" (For Jews do not associate w/ Samaritans.)

Associate "to eat from the same vessel w/"
couldn't believe was willing to drink out of her glass

In their system, the most easily defiled thing was water. And she was the most unclean thing imaginable.

Jesus didn't care that she was a Samaritan, he didn't care that she was an outcast, he didn't care that she was a she. He was kind to this woman and spoke to her the same way He spoke to big shots like Nic.

For centuries women had been treated like sub-humans, & Jesus comes along & elevates them to the status that they should have.

Not all the inequities are completely gone, but women are considered people. How did that happen? Do you think it was Islaam? Hinduism? Buddhism? The inhuman treatment of women continues in those cultures.

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The less influence Christianity has had on a culture, the lower the treatment of women.

ISLAM All the following quotes are either from the Qur'an or are Hadiths (official teachings of

Mohammed supplementing the Qur'n)

The Qur'an (Muslim Scriptures)

"the men are a step above (the women)"[7] (Q. 2:228)

"Men have authority over women because Allah has made the one superior to the other."(Q. 4:34)

As a matter of fact the expression "naqisatan 'aqlan wa dinan" (deficient in intelligence and religion) is one of the bywords and axioms of life on the lips of the masses in Arabic countries. has been accepted by Muslim scholars and writers for the past thirteen hundred years

3. WOMEN ARE DEFICIENT AS WITNESSES

An educated Muslim woman in trying to explain why the testimony of the woman is half that of the man said,

"Woman was made to bear and feed children. Therefore she is...forgetful, because if she did not forget how it is to give birth she would not have another child.[20]

WHAT IS A WOMAN? Mohammad himself said: 'The woman is a toy

"His saying 'created for you' Q. 30:21 is a proof that women were created like animals and plants and other useful things, For women are not charged with many commands as we are charged, because the woman is weak, silly, in one sense she is like a child,

THE WOMAN IS 'AWRAH (genital)

The quotes are too obscene to mention. But the reason the women are to be completely covered is because any exposure of any part of the body is obscene, because the woman herself is obscene.

24:25

The character of women is likened to a rib, crooked.

"The woman is like a rib; if you try to

straighten her, she will break.

1. HUSBAND'S DESIRES MUST BE MET AT ONCE

If a man has a physical desire for his wife, and she delays a few moments because something is in the oven, "the angels curse her till she gets up at dawn." [39]

For a woman to go to heaven, she has to die in a moment when her husband is pleased with her. Otherwise she goes to hell.

"If a woman offered one of her breasts to be cooked and the other to be roasted, she still will fall short of fulfilling her obligations to her husband. And besides that if she disobeys her husband even for a twinkling of an eye, she would be thrown in the lowest part of Hell, except she repents and turns back." [48]

25:15

"If blood, suppuration, and pus, were to pour from the husband's nose and the wife licked it with her tongue, she would still never be able to fulfil his rights over her." [49]

This Hadith is repeated, also with great reverence, five times by commentator Imam Suyuti who is regarded as one of the greatest of all Muslim scholars.

The Qur'an states:

"Righteous women are therefore obedient, ... And those you fear may be rebellious (nushuz) admonish; banish them to their couches, and beat them." [55]

Man's right to 'beat his wife' does not belong to the distant past. The Guardian Weekly reported,

"In 1987 an Egyptian court, following an interpretation of the Koran proposed by the Syndicate of Arab Lawyers, ruled that a husband had the duty to educate his wife and therefore the right to punish her as he

wished." [63]

Sayed Qotb a modern scholar and commentator tries to justify the provision for a man to beat his wife, found in the above Qur'anic verse:

...perhaps some women will not recognize the power of the man whom they love to have as their guardian and husband, except when the man conquers them physically! This is not the nature of every woman. But this kind does exist. And it is this kind that needs this last treatment to be set straight

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...Such woman has no remedy except destroying her weapon by which she dominates. This weapon of the woman is her femininity. ...So the Qur'anic command: 'banish them to their couches, and beat them' agrees with the latest psychological findings in understanding the rebellious woman. This is one of the scientific miracles of the Qur'an because it sums up volumes of the science of psychology about rebellious women." [65]

SPIRITUAL STANDING OF WOMEN

"When a woman comes she comes in the form of a devil." [145]

And it is believed that the majority of them will end up in Hell.

Bukhari recorded the following Hadith:

'O women! Give alms, as I have seen that the majority of the dwellers of Hell-fire were you (women).' [150]

"Amongst the inmates of Paradise the women would form the minority." [151]

"Had it not been for women, God would have truly, truly been worshipped." [153]

The result? Go to a Muslim country and see what it's like for the women. They are slaves, and undergo inhuman treatment, including 130 million women who have had to do through FGM (without anesthesia).

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HINDUISM

From Hinduism we get bride-burning – the torture and murder of women in order to extort money from the bride's family.

In 1996 Indian police say that every year they receive more than 2,500 reports of bride-burning (many others unreported because disguised as suicide or accident)

"Fire or being scalded with boiling water was used by most people who did this kind of crime ... (because) they thought that they will not leave any evidence behind," she said. "Whereas if you use a knife, there is an evidence that someone else has done it."

The practice is unlikely to end soon as long as current Hindu attitudes about the place of women in a marriage prevail.

Police say every two hours a woman in India is killed over a dowry -- and dozens of others are harassed or beaten. Women like Sudesh, whose husband's family tried to burn her.

"They had a can of oil and were pushing me toward the oven fire, but I managed to run away and scream so the neighbors came running."

Police say between 1987 and 1991 the number of dowry deaths skyrocketed by 170 percent. an estimated 5,000 a year murdered.

28:43

What about the religions of the Far East? China? Do they treat women well in China? China gave us foot-binding.

By the time a girl turned three years old, all her toes but the first were broken, The large toe was bent backward over the top of the foot, and the remaining toes were folded underneath. and her feet were bound tightly with cloth strips to keep her feet from growing larger than 10 cm, about 3.9 inches. The practice would cause the soles of feet to bend in extreme concavity.

Girls between the ages of 5 and 12 were selected to undergo foot-binding, especially if they gave promise of future beauty. The process could not be reversed

It has caused severe life-long disability for many millions of elderly women, even in today's China, according to a UC San Francisco study published in the October issue of the American Journal of Public Health

The Chinese finally outlawed this practice earlier this century, but they replaced it with even worse

atrocities against women – including forced abortions and sterilizations. –

Not only in China, but all over the world female babies by the millions are murdered by parents who want male children - that comes as a result of the religion of naturalistic humanism and evolutionism.

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So there's nothing new. That's the way it is now, that's how it was then.

But the more a culture has been influenced by Christianity, the more civilized the treatment of women. It's not insignificant that Jesus stopped and spoke with this woman.

"Talk not much" - this is one of the longest conv. in the Gosp. Jesus' willingness to do this kind of thing literally shaped modern history. No more significant being ever lived.

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In a culture where women had no religious significance, it seems whenever Jesus wanted an illus. of a godly, spiritual person - chooses a woman.

- Widow's mite (giving)

- Immoral woman - loves more

- Another woman had the foresight to anoint J when disc. Could accept he would die (year's wages) – great spiritual insight (in contrast to the disciples)

- Siro-Phonecian woman GREAT faith (woman bent over 18 y)

- Mary sitting at his feet – Jesus uses her as an example of priorities.

- a group of women supported Jesus and Disc.

- Persistent widow – illustration for prayer

- There at the cross – illustration for courage

- At the tomb – anyone could have seen the first appearance.

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Sc. exalts W - Mary

“Let the women learn” (1 Ti.2:11) It is imperative that the women learn sound doctrine & know Scripture. For one thing, the future of the world rests in their hands. (That's why Pr.1:8 says forsake not the teaching of your *mother*.) Such an enormous percentage of the real meaningful ministry in the church is done by women, they must have a thorough knowledge of Scripture.

Ro.16 – subtract the women from Paul’s ministry, and you don’t have much left.

36:10

Women have always been crucially important in the Kingdom of God.

- Overall, probably two-thirds of the missions force has been, and currently is, female.
- Many mission executives agree that the more difficult and dangerous the work, the more likely women are to volunteer to do it!
- One missions leader said that from his experience that women are the best choice for difficult, pioneering work. "We have found that in these situations, women will never give up. Men are good for building up the work, but women are best for persevering when men get discouraged."
- Women have even been successful in reaching the Muslim world. In a nomadic Muslim group in Sub-Saharan Africa, a single woman is effectively training (Islamic teachers) in the Gospel. They perceive her to be non-threatening, "just a woman."
- Wycliffe Bible Translators found over the years that a far greater number of teams comprised of single women successfully finish translations than teams of single men.

Equal value 99% of Scripture speaks to both (The 10 commands, etc.)

knowledge of Scripture (Pr.6:20 **My son, keep your father's commands and do not forsake your mother's teaching**), God delt directly w/ women - appearing personally & miraculously,

But it is important to understand that men & women are equal spiritually - equal in value, equal in importance,

equal in ministry capability, equal in the kingdom of God, equal in ability & potential to glorify God. (Ro.16) (Ex.21 - life equal) (Lv.15 penalty for fornication) , etc.

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Much of modern feminism is really masculinism (“You are not really significant unless you get into masculine roles.”)

Why? Why are women lifted to such a high level in Scripture?

Gn.1:27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male & female he created them.

Absolute equality in dignity & significance & importance, yet different roles (male & female)

Did you know that if you look at a man, you are not looking at the image of God? If you want to see it you have to look at a man & a woman.

40:02

Robert Hicks in The Masculine Journey begins ch.2 on p.31 with this quote from Darwin: “Man with all his noble qualities still bears in his bodily frame the indelible stamp of his lowly origin.”

Evolutionists believe we have a lowly origin. The humanist wants it both ways. They say that man is supreme - the highest being in the universe - yet that dignity is hollow. It comes from nothing.

I don’t know what Robert Hicks is doing, but Xians believe that mankind has tremendously high origins. We are in the image of our Maker. This gives man dignity.

Man and woman were the climax of creation. Everything else was “after its kind” but people were “in the image of God” Human beings are the most important things on the earth.

Every human being is due a certain amount of respect because of their origin & the fact that they bear the likeness of God. Dt.9:6 says if you kill someone you are to be put to death, because **“Whoever sheds the blood of man, by man shall his blood be shed; for in the image of God has God made man.”**

James 4 – insult someone, you strike a blow at the image of God

Pr. – mock the poor, you show contempt for his Maker.

You mistreat someone it is a display of irreverence to God. I think of this when I think of men who mistreat their wives. Stop it!

41:30

Think of characteristics of femininity. You give me a list of things you love about your mother or wife, & I'll show you verses in Scripture that use that exact same language in describing God.

- beauty

Ps.27:4 One thing I ask of the LORD, this is what I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD

- graciousness Ex.34:6 & he passed in front of Moses, proclaiming, "The LORD, the LORD, the compassionate & gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love & faithfulness,

- GENTLENESS 1 Ki.19: Then a great & powerful wind tore the mountains apart & shattered the rocks before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind. After the wind there was an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake. 12 After the earthquake came a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire. & after the fire came a gentle whisper.

- tenderness Lk.1:76 & you, my child, will be called a prophet of the Most High... 77 to give his people the knowledge of salvation

through the forgiveness of their sins, 78 because of the tender mercy of our God,

- nuture & motherhood

Nu.11:10 Moses heard the people of every family wailing...11 He asked the LORD, 12 Did I conceive all these people? Did I give them birth? Why do you tell me to carry them in my arms, as a nurse carries an infant, to the land you promised on oath to their forefathers?

Isa.66:13 As a mother comforts her child, so will I comfort you; & you will be comforted over Jerusalem."

Dt.32:18 you forgot the God who gave you birth.

- emotional (love, hatred, anger, compassion, sadness, grief, joy, excitement, etc. Who has more extreme emotions than God?

- compassion Ex.34:6 & he passed in front of Moses, proclaiming, "The LORD, the LORD, the compassionate & gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love & faithfulness

Pr.18:22 He who finds a wife finds what is good & receives favor from the LORD.

Men, do realize what a treasure your wife is? Not just for the joy she brings you, but for the glory she brings God just by being...woman.

45:26