

The God Who Seeks True Worshipers

John 4:16-26 (Page 73 in the NT section of the BPB)
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Introduction

John 3:16 “For God so loved the world...

v. 4 “And He **had to** pass through Samaria. (See also v. 42)

“had to” other places the word is translated “must” or “necessary”. It was divinely necessary that Jesus pass through Samaria.

Today, as we continue to look at Jesus’ conversation with the Samaritan woman I hope we will all see the committed love of God pursuing a person in need of salvation.

What patience our Savior has, what grace He extends to people, to us, by His relentless pursuit until we stop resisting and trust Him for our salvation and our greatest good all the days of our life. (Matthew 11:28-30)

Before the Samaritan woman could understand this amazing grace, Jesus revealed the issues of her heart, the obstacles in her mind, and the identity of her Messiah.

1. Jesus Revealed Her Heart (vv. 16-19)

¹⁶He said to her, “Go, call your husband and come here.”

¹⁷The woman answered and said, “I have no husband.”

Jesus said to her, “You have correctly said, ‘I have no husband’;

¹⁸for you have had five husbands, and the one whom you now have is not your husband; this you have said truly.”

¹⁹The woman said to Him, “Sir, I perceive that You are a prophet.

2. Jesus Revealed the Father's Heart (vv. 20-24)

²⁰Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, and yet you people say that in Jerusalem is the place where one must worship.”

²¹Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe Me, an hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father.

²²You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews.

²³But 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.

²⁴God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.”

3. Jesus Revealed Himself (vv. 25-26)

²⁵The 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.”

²⁶Jesus said to her, “I who speak to you am He.”

Questions:

Who are the “Samaritans” in your life?

Is the Lord pursuing you by pointing out issues in your heart and obstacles in your mind that keep you from worshiping Him in spirit and truth?