

John 4:16-29

16-18. Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here." The woman answered and said, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You have well (correctly) said, 'I have no husband.' For you have had five husbands, and the one whom you now have is not your husband; in that you spoke truly."

- **Read Luke 7:36-50** (Verses 37-39 "And behold, a _____ in the city who was a _____, when she knew that Jesus sat at the table in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster flask of fragrant oil, and stood at His feet behind Him weeping; and she began to wash His feet with her tears, and wiped them with the hair of her head; and she kissed His feet and anointed them with the fragrant oil. Now when the Pharisee who had invited Him saw this, he spoke to himself, saying, 'This man, if He were a _____, would know _____ and what manner of _____ this is who is touching Him, for she is a _____.'" (Verse 47) "Therefore I say to you, her _____, which are _____, are _____, for she loved [Me] much. But to whom little is _____, the same loves [Me] _____."

Definition: "The ONE whom you NOW have is NOT your HUSBAND" - This woman is not only a Samaritan, which means the Jews would normally have had nothing to do with her anyway, but she is also an IMMORAL woman (a SINNER), having been married five times, and **now living with a man who is not even her husband**. And yet, Jesus singles her out and presents the gospel to her, "just as she is." Jesus also **meets US where WE are**, and does not require that we somehow "clean up our lives" **before** we accept Him and His gift of salvation. The truth is, NO ONE is RIGHTEOUS in God's sight, and all we can do is come to Him humbly, **asking Him to save us and clean up our lives**, because we can't do it.

- **Mark 2:17** "When Jesus heard it, He said to them, 'Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are _____. I did not come to call the righteous, but _____ to _____.'"
 - **I Timothy 1:15** "This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that _____ came into the world to save _____, of whom I am chief."

Definition: "I did not come to call the RIGHTEOUS but SINNERS" - God's word tells us that there is NO ONE who is righteous in the sight of God. Jesus was speaking here of people, such as the Pharisees, who THOUGHT they were righteous, and THOUGHT they would deserve to go to heaven on their own good works.

- **Romans 5:6-8** "For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ _____ for the _____. For scarcely for a _____ man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die. But God demonstrates His own _____ toward us, in that while we were still _____, Christ died for us."

Definition: "CHRIST DIED for the UNGODLY" - He died for US, because we are ALL ungodly (sinful)! Jesus was the only person EVER to live who was SINLESS.

- **Romans 3:10-12** "As it is written, 'There is _____ righteous, no, _____; there is _____ who understands, there is _____ who seeks after God. They have _____ gone out of the way; they have together

become unprofitable (of no use to God); there is _____ who does _____, no, not _____."

- **Romans 3:23** "For _____ have _____ and fall _____ of the glory of God (we all fall short of God's PERFECT STANDARDS)."

19-20. The woman said to Him, "**Sir, I perceive that You are a prophet.** Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, and you Jews say that **in Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship.**"

- **John 3:1-2** "There was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. This man came to Jesus by night and said to Him, "Rabbi, we _____ that You are a _____ come from _____; for no one can do these _____ that You do unless God is with Him."

Definition: "Sir, I perceive that You are a PROPHET" - This sounds a lot like Nicodemus when he told Jesus, "We know (perceive) You are a teacher come from God." The "signs" and miracles that Jesus did were to prove that He was the Messiah and the Son of God. Jesus told the Samaritan woman things about herself that He could not have known normally, so she assumed He had supernatural powers and was therefore a PROPHET.

21-22. Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe Me, the hour is coming when you will **neither on this mountain, nor in Jerusalem, worship the Father. You worship what you do not know; we know what we worship, for salvation is of the Jews.**"

- **Romans 2:28-29 & 3:1-2** "For he is not a _____ who is one outwardly, nor is that circumcision which is outward in the flesh; but he is a _____ who is one _____, and circumcision is that of the _____, in the _____, and not in the letter; whose praise is not from men but from God. What advantage then has the Jew, or what is the profit of circumcision? Much in every way! Chiefly because to them were committed the oracles of God (the word of God)."
- **Read II Kings 17:26-41** (Verses 28-29) "So one of the priests whom they had carried away into exile from _____ came and lived at Bethel, and taught them how they should fear the Lord. But every nation still made gods of its own and put them in the houses (shrines) of the _____ places (MOUNTAINS) which the people of _____ had made, every nation in their cities in which they lived."
- **Isaiah 2:2-4** "In the last days, the _____ of the house of the Lord will be established as the chief of the mountains, and will be raised above the hills; and _____ the _____ will stream to it. And many _____ will come and say, 'Come, let us go up to the _____ of the _____, to the house of the God of Jacob; that He may _____ us concerning His _____, and that we may walk in His paths, for the law will go forth from Zion, and the _____ of the _____ from _____.'"

Definition: "Neither on this mountain, nor in Jerusalem" - Jesus makes it clear that it is not the PLACE where we worship God that is important, but the condition of our hearts. In the age in which we live, the Church Age, there is no physical temple where God's people are supposed to worship. Instead, God has made the Church, all Believers together as a Body, to BE His temple.

Definition: "IN THE LAST DAYS, the mountain" - So then, does this scripture in Isaiah contradict what Jesus said to the woman? No, because the scripture in Isaiah is **a prophecy concerning the Millennial Kingdom, the 1,000-Year Reign of Jesus** on the earth, when He will set up His throne in Jerusalem. THEN, in the LAST

DAYS, Jerusalem will once again be the center of all knowledge of God for the peoples (the nations) who are on the earth.

Definition: "SALVATION is of the JEWS" - God originally gave the knowledge of Himself and the way of salvation to Abraham and his descendants through his son, Isaac, which descendants later became known as the Jewish people, or the nation of Israel. However, by the time of Jesus, the Jews had failed to do what God originally intended for them to do. God had wanted the Jewish nation to reach the Gentile peoples with the knowledge about Himself, but instead they selfishly kept it to themselves. Eventually, the Jews, as a nation, became so hardened towards God, that they rejected their own Messiah.

- **I Peter 2:6-8** "Therefore it is also contained in the Scripture, 'Behold, I lay in Zion (Israel) a chief _____, elect, precious, and he who believes on Him will by no means be put to shame.' Therefore, to you who _____ He is precious; but to those who are _____, 'The stone which the builders (the Jews) rejected has become the chief _____, and 'A stone of stumbling and a rock of _____.' They stumble, being disobedient to the word, to which they also were appointed."
- **Read Romans 9:31-33** "But _____, pursuing the law of righteousness, has not attained to the law of righteousness. Why? Because they did not seek it by _____, but as it were, by the works of the law. For they _____ at that stumbling _____."

Definition: "STONE OF STUMBLING" - Putting your **trust in Jesus** to save you and **believing that what He did on the cross PAID FOR YOUR SINS** is so simple that many people "**stumble over it**" or cannot accept it. They want to be able to DO SOMETHING to EARN their own salvation, and they refuse to accept GOD'S WAY of salvation. Some people reject Jesus altogether, but many want to INCLUDE Jesus in **their own system** of works, good deeds and religious ideas. By doing this they are **DISOBEDIENT to God's word**, because God's word says salvation is by **FAITH IN JESUS** plus **NOTHING ELSE!!**

23-24. "But the hour is coming, and now is, when **the true worshipers will WORSHIP the Father in spirit and truth**; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. **God is Spirit**, and those who **worship Him must worship in SPIRIT and TRUTH.**"

- **Psalms 29:2** "Give unto the Lord the glory due His name; _____ the Lord in the beauty of _____."
- **Psalms 145:18** "The Lord is _____ to all who _____ upon Him (worship or pray to Him), to all who call upon Him in _____."
- **Philippians 3:3** "For we are the [true] circumcision (TRUE WORSHIPERS), who _____ God in the _____, rejoice in _____, and have no confidence in the _____."

Definition: "The Circumcision" - This was a term used to refer to the Jews, because circumcision was the "sign" of their covenant with God. Jesus, however, brought in the NEW COVENANT (New Testament), and there is no longer any "sign" of our covenant that is in our flesh (our physical bodies). Our covenant with God is through the blood of Jesus, and it is a SPIRITUAL covenant. The Holy Spirit performs a spiritual circumcision, a REMOVAL of our SINS from us, and causes us to be re-born and **MADE ALIVE in our spirits**. A person who has NOT had this SPIRITUAL RE-BIRTH is **spiritually DEAD**, AND THEY **cannot WORSHIP God in the spirit**.

- **Read Colossians 2:11-13** "In Him you were also circumcised with the circumcision made _____, by putting off the body of the _____"

of the flesh, by the circumcision of _____, buried with Him in baptism, in which you also were _____ with Him through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead. And you, being _____ in your trespasses (sins) and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He has made _____ together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses (sins)."

Definition: "WORSHIP in SPIRIT and TRUTH" - These are the two vital ingredients for true worship of God. **This is why ALL RELIGIONS CANNOT BE RIGHT.** If we try to come to God when **still SPIRITUALLY DEAD**, we cannot worship Him "in spirit." If we try to come to God with **FALSE IDEAS or BELIEFS** about Him, we cannot worship Him "in TRUTH."

- **Exodus 20:1-5** "And God spoke all these words saying: 'I am the Lord your 'God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. You shall have NO _____ gods before (besides) Me. You shall not make for yourself any carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth; you shall NOT _____ to them nor serve (worship) them....'"
- **Proverbs 16:25** "There is a _____ that _____ right to a man, but its end is the _____ of _____."
- **John 14:6** "Jesus said to him, 'I AM the _____, the _____, and the _____. NO ONE comes to the Father except through _____.'"
- **I Timothy 2:5** "For there is ONE _____, and one _____ between God and men, the Man _____."

25-26. The woman said to Him, "**I know that Messiah is coming**" (who is called Christ). "When He comes, He will tell us all things." Jesus said to her, "**I who speak to you am He.**"

- **John 8:24** "Therefore I said to you that you will _____ in your _____; for if you do _____ believe that I am He (the Messiah), you will _____ in your _____."
- **John 9:35-38** "Jesus heard that they had cast him out; and when He had found him, He said to him, 'Do you _____ in the _____ of God?' He answered and said, '_____ is _____, Lord, that I may _____ in Him?' And Jesus said to Him, 'You have both seen Him and it is He who is _____ with you.' Then he said, 'Lord, I _____!' And he _____ Him."

27-29. And at this point His disciples came, and they marveled that He talked with a woman; yet no one said, "What do you seek?" or, "Why are You talking with her?" The woman then left her waterpot, went her way into the city, and said to the men, "Come, see **a man who told me all things** that I ever did. **Could this be the Christ?**"

- **John 1:50** "Jesus answered and said to him, "Because I said to you, 'I saw you under the fig tree,' do you _____? You will see greater things than these."

Definition: "A man who told me ALL THINGS that I ever did" - What Jesus did with the Samaritan woman was similar to what He did with Nathanael in John 1:50. Jesus saw more than just the outward person - He was able to read the inner character as well. He KNEW the THOUGHTS and MOTIVES of peoples' hearts.

- **Luke 5:22** "But when Jesus perceived their _____, He answered and said to them, 'Why are you _____ in your _____?'"
- **Hebrews 4:13** "And there is no creature _____ from His _____, but all things are naked (exposed) and _____ to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account."

- **Luke 8:17** "For nothing is _____ that will not be _____, nor anything _____ that will not be _____ and come to light."