

John 4:3-42, Daily Devotions

☐ Monday - A Great Savior For Great Sinners.

John 4:3-42

In John 3, Jesus shared the Gospel with Nicodemus, who was very distinguished and very religious, and yet there was no apparent response (John 3:1-9). In contrast, here in John 4, Jesus is speaking to an unnamed Samaritan woman, who had lived a very immoral life (John 4:1-24), and she not only believes, but is instrumental in many others believing in Christ (John 4:28-30, 39-42). Jesus said, “I did not come to call the [self] righteous, but sinners” (Mk. 2:17). Only those who recognize that they are great sinners, recognize their need for a great Savior. Read 1 Timothy 1:15

☐ Tuesday - Jesus' Humanity.

John 4:5-6

“So [Jesus] came to a city of Samaria, called Sychar, near the parcel of ground that Jacob gave to his son Joseph; and Jacob's well was there. Jesus therefore, being wearied from His journey, was sitting thus by the well. It was about the sixth hour” (John 4:5-6). Here, Jesus' true humanity is exposed: He was tired and thirsty. Throughout His earthly life, Jesus could have satisfied His human need by use of His divine power, but denied Himself of His divine prerogatives that He might experience human weakness, pain, suffering and even death. “For we do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses ... Let us therefore draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and may find grace to help in time of need” (Heb. 4:15-16). Christian, cast all of your anxiety on Him (1 Pet. 5:7), for He understands your greatest needs. Read Matthew 11:28-29

☐ Wednesday - Satisfy Your Thirst.

John 4:13-14

“Jesus answered and said to her, ‘Everyone who drinks of this water will thirst again; but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him shall never thirst; but the water that I will give him will become in him a well of water springing up to eternal life’” (Jn. 4:13-14). An entire book of the Bible is devoted exclusively to explaining what can and cannot satisfy the human soul – Ecclesiastes, the diary of Solomon's life. Solomon pursued wine (Eccl. 2:3), women (Eccl. 2:8; 1 Kgs. 11:1-4), wealth (Eccl. 2:8, 5:10), worldly wisdom (Eccl. 1:16-17) and works (Eccl. 1:4-7; 2:18-23), and his conclusion was this: “Thus I considered all my activities which my hands had done and the labor which I had exerted, and behold all was vanity and chasing after wind and there was no profit under the sun” (Eccl. 2:11). Dear friend, nothing can satisfy the deepest longings in your heart like Jesus. He is the true thirst quencher. Read Isaiah 55:1-2

☐ Thursday - Worship in Spirit.

John 4:24

Jesus declared, “God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth” (Jn. 4:24). Those who worship God must do so in accordance with His essential nature. As God is a Spirit, so He requires spiritual worship. Man-made religion requires only external trappings, but true worship depends on the internal condition of the heart. “Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness” (Psa. 96:9, KJV). This is the only beauty which He cares for in our public services ... Beauty of architecture and apparel He does not regard; moral and spiritual beauty is that in which His soul delighteth” (Spurgeon). Read Psalm 95:6; Romans 12:1

☐ Friday - Worship in Truth.

John 4:24

Samaritan worship deviated from the truth that God had revealed in His written Word. And so, to the Samaritan woman, Jesus said, “God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth” (John 4:24). Sincere worship is not enough. To be a true worshipper of God, one must worship Him according to the truth revealed in His written Word, the Bible. Cain worshipped God on his own terms and his worship was rejected. And so, if we wish to know how God desires to be worshipped, we must know His Word, for all other worship is idolatry. Read Psalm 119:160; John 17:17