The Truth About Jesus (John 1-4)

Who Is Jesus?

I. Introduction

A. John 4:1-8 (NLT)  

1 Jesus knew the Pharisees had heard that he was baptizing and making more disciples than John  

2 (though Jesus himself didn’t baptize them—his disciples did).  

3 So he left Judea and returned to Galilee.  

4 He had to go through Samaria on the way.  

5 Eventually he came to the Samaritan village of Sychar, near the field that Jacob gave to his son Joseph.  

6 Jacob’s well was there; and Jesus, tired from the long walk, sat wearily beside the well about noontime.  

7 Soon a Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, “Please give me a drink.”  

8 He was alone at the time because his disciples had gone into the village to buy some food.

1. Jesus is truly a man.

B. John 4:6 (NLT)  

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C. John 4:7 (NLT)  

Soon a Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, “Please give me a drink.”

1. Jesus was also a barrier-breaker.

D. John 4:8-9 (NLT)  

8 He was alone at the time because his disciples had gone into the village to buy some food.  

9 The woman was surprised, for Jews refuse to have anything to do with Samaritans. She said to Jesus, “You are a Jew, and I am a Samaritan woman. Why are you asking me for a drink?”

E. John 4:4 (NLT)  

He had to go through Samaria on the way.

1. “He who talks much with women - - even his own wife - - brings evil upon himself, and neglects the study of the Law. And in the end, he will inherit Hell.” (Rabbinic saying)

2. “Perhaps it’s no wonder that women were the first at the cradle and the last at the Cross. They had never known a man like this Man. There never has been such another.

   A Prophet and Teacher Who never nagged at them, never flattered, nor coaxed, or patronized. Who never made sick jokes about them. Who rebuked without grumbling, and praised without condescension. Who took their questions and arguments seriously. Who never mapped out this sphere for them, never urged them to be feminine, or jeered at them for being female. Who had no ax to grind and no uneasy male dignity to defend. Who took them as He found them and was completely unselfconscious.

   There was no act, no sermon, no parable in the whole Gospel that borrows pungency from female perversity. Nobody could possibly get from the words and deeds of Jesus that there was anything “funny” or inferior about women’s nature.” (Dorothy Sayers)
F. John 4:10-15 (NLT)  

10 Jesus replied, “If you only knew the gift God has for you and who you are speaking to, you would ask me, and I would give you living water.”  

11 “But sir, you don’t have a rope or a bucket,” she said, “and this well is very deep. Where would you get this living water?  

12 And besides, do you think you’re greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us this well? How can you offer better water than he and his sons and his animals enjoyed?”  

13 Jesus replied, “Anyone who drinks this water will soon become thirsty again.  

14 But those who drink the water I give will never be thirsty again. It becomes a fresh, bubbling spring within them, giving them eternal life.”  

15 “Please, sir,” the woman said, “give me this water! Then I’ll never be thirsty again, and I won’t have to come here to get water.”

1. Jesus is also the great thirst-quencher.

G. Jeremiah 2:13 (NLT)  

“For my people have done two evil things: They have abandoned me—the fountain of living water. And they have dug for themselves cracked cisterns that can hold no water at all!”

H. John 4:15 (NLT)  

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1. Jesus is a prophet.

I. John 4:16-20 (NLT)  

16 “Go and get your husband,” Jesus told her.  

17“I don’t have a husband,” the woman replied. Jesus said, “You’re right! You don’t have a husband—  

18 for you have had five husbands, and you aren’t even married to the man you’re living with now. You certainly spoke the truth!”  

19 “Sir,” the woman said, “you must be a prophet.  

20 So tell me, why is it that you Jews insist that Jerusalem is the only place of worship, while we Samaritans claim it is here at Mount Gerizim, where our ancestors worshiped?”

1. Jesus is also our Temple.

J. John 4:21 (NLT)  

Jesus replied, “Believe me, dear woman, the time is coming when it will no longer matter whether you worship the Father on this mountain or in Jerusalem.”

1. Jesus rejects “Holy Land” theology!

2. There’s no “sacred space” on earth except Jesus!

K. John 4:22-24 (NLT)  

22 “You Samaritans know very little about the one you worship, while we Jews know all about him, for salvation comes through the Jews.  

23 But the time is coming—indeed it’s here now—when true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth. The Father is looking for those who will worship him that way.  

24 For God is Spirit, so those who worship him must worship in spirit and in truth.”

II. Conclusion

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