

# WELCOME TO ADULT BIBLE STUDY

May 31, 2020

March-May 2020: JESUS THE MESSIAH

## **Unit 21: JESUS AMONG THE PEOPLE**

05/10 – Jesus Reveals His Power (Mark 1)

05/17 – Jesus Reveals His Mission (Luke 4)

05/24 – Jesus Teaches About New Birth (John 3)

***05/31 – Jesus Teaches About Living Water (John 4)***

# ***LAST WEEK'S SESSION AT A GLANCE***

We listened in as Nicodemus came to Jesus one night and Jesus taught him about the ***new birth***, which is necessary to enter the kingdom of God. New birth involves all three Persons of the Trinity: it is ***a gift of God the Father***, through ***the work of the Holy Spirit***, through ***faith in the Son of God***. The new birth is characterized by obedience and motivates us to share the good news with others. The reconciling role of Christ on the cross makes possible the true and lasting transformation of our hearts through the new birth.

***HIGHLIGHTS FROM LAST WEEK'S  
SCRIPTURE PASSAGE...***

## JESUS TEACHES ABOUT NEW BIRTH (John 3:1-18)

John 3:1-8 – Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.'"

John 3:9-15 – "And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in Him may have eternal life."

John 3:16-18 – "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life."

***THIS WEEK'S SESSION...***

# UNIT 21

## JESUS AMONG THE PEOPLE

### Session 4 – Jesus Teaches About Living Water

1. Jesus Gives the Living Water that Satisfies Completely (John 4:7-14)
2. Jesus is the Prophet Who Enables True Worship (John 4:19-24)
3. Jesus is the Messiah Who Brings Salvation for All (John 4:25-26,28-29,39)

# ***THIS WEEK'S SESSION AT A GLANCE***

As Jesus and His disciples pass through Samaria on their way back to Galilee from Judea, they stop for a rest at Jacob's well near the city of Sychar (OT city of Shechem). Here, Jesus initiates a conversation with a Samaritan woman with a morally checkered past and a knowledge of God bound up in religious tradition. Her encounter with Jesus leads the woman to believe in Him as God's promised Messiah, and "Many Samaritans from that town believed in Him because of the woman's testimony..."

## **QUESTIONS TO PONDER**

What are some ways we are tempted to fill the longing in our hearts with things other than God?

What does Jesus in the flesh reveal to you about the God we worship?

What does it look like to worship God in spirit and truth?

What do we need to be aware of as we proclaim to the world the identity of Jesus as the Messiah?

# 1. JESUS GIVES THE LIVING WATER THAT SATISFIES COMPLETELY (John 4:7-14)

John 4:7 A woman from Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink."

John 4:8 (For His disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.)

John 4:9 The Samaritan woman said to Him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a woman of Samaria?" (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.)

John 4:10 Jesus answered her, "*If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked Him, and He would have given you living water.*"

# 1. JESUS GIVES THE LIVING WATER THAT SATISFIES COMPLETELY (John 4:7-14 cont'd)

John 4:11 The woman said to Him, "Sir, you have nothing to draw water with, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water?"

John 4:12 Are you greater than our father Jacob? He gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did his sons and his livestock."

John 4:13 Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again,

John 4:14 but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life."

***“...A WOMAN FROM  
SAMARIA...”***

Note the contrast between chapter 3 and chapter 4. In the former, Christ deals with a man (Nicodemus); in the latter, He deals with a woman. In the former, He deals with a ruler of the Jews; in the latter, a lowly Samaritan. In the former, He deals with a moral person; in the latter, an immoral person. Christ came to save all people and demonstrate that God's love transcends the barriers of race, religion, and rank in life.

Jesus begins with a modest request for a draught of water: Give me to drink. Christ asked for it, not only because he needed it, and needed her help to come at it, but because he would draw on further discourse with her, *and teach us to be willing to be beholden to the meanest when there is occasion*. Christ is still begging in His poor members, and a cup of cold water, like this here, given to them in His name, shall not lose its reward (Matt. 25:34-40).

- Matthew Henry

***THE PROPHETS SPOKE OF  
THIS LIVING WATER...***

"Come, everyone who thirsts,  
come to the waters..."

- *Isaiah 55:1*

Be appalled, O heavens, at this; be shocked, be utterly desolate, declares the LORD, for my people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, the fountain of living waters, and hewed out cisterns for themselves, broken cisterns that can hold no water. O LORD, the hope of Israel, all who forsake you shall be put to shame; those who turn away from you shall be written in the earth, for they have forsaken the LORD, the fountain of living water.

- Jeremiah 2:12-13;17:13

And he said to me, "Son of man, have you seen this?" Then he led me back to the bank of the river. As I went back, I saw on the bank of the river very many trees on the one side and on the other. And he said to me, "...when the water flows into the sea, the water will become fresh.

And wherever the river goes, every living creature that swarms will live, and there will be very many fish. For this water goes there, that the waters of the sea may become fresh; so everything will live where the river goes.

- *The Vision of Ezekiel (Ezekiel 47:6-9)*

And it shall be in that day, that living waters shall go out from Jerusalem; half of them toward the former sea, and half of them toward the hinder sea: in summer and in winter shall it be. And the LORD shall be king over all the earth: in that day shall there be one LORD, and His name one.

- Zechariah 14:8-9

***THE LIVING WATER JESUS  
GIVES US IS THE HOLY  
SPIRIT AND THE SOURCE OF  
ETERNAL LIFE...***

On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and cried out, "*If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink.*

Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, '*Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.*'" *Now this He said about the Spirit, whom those who believed in Him were to receive,* for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

- *John 7:37-39*

For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and He will guide them to *springs of living water*, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.

- *Revelation 7:17*

## FILL IN THE BLANKS

**P. 123 – Christ as Reconciliation:** Sin is an infinite offense against an infinite God. Thankfully, God loves His enemies and has sent Christ to be the reconciler between us and God. Through Christ's death, God provides the means whereby that broken relationship is restored and renewed.

## 2. JESUS IS THE PROPHET WHO ENABLES TRUE WORSHIP (John 4:19-24)

John 4:19 The woman said to Him, "Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet.

John 4:20 Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but you say that in Jerusalem is the place where people ought to worship."

John 4:21 Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father.

John 4:22 You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews.

## 2. JESUS IS THE PROPHET WHO ENABLES TRUE WORSHIP (John 4:19-24 cont'd)

John 4:23 *But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship Him.*

John 4:24 *God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.*"

For the eyes of the LORD run to and fro  
throughout the whole earth, to shew  
Himself strong in the behalf of them  
whose heart is perfect toward Him.

- 2 Chronicles 16:9

***“in spirit and truth”...***

"But when the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, *the Spirit of truth*, who proceeds from the Father, He will bear witness about me. And you also will bear witness, because you have been with me from the beginning."

- *John 15:26*

***OUR TRUE ACT OF  
WORSHIP...***

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to *present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.* Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

- *Romans 12:1-2*

### 3. JESUS IS THE MESSIAH WHO BRINGS SALVATION FOR ALL (John 4:25-26,28-29,39)

John 4:25 The woman said to Him, "I know that Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ). When he comes, he will tell us all things."

John 4:26 Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am He."

John 4:28 So the woman left her water jar and went away into town and said to the people,

John 4:29 "Come, see a man who told me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?"

John 4:39 Many Samaritans from that town believed in Him because of the woman's testimony,  
"He told me all that I ever did."

For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

- Galatians 3:27-28

Note, They that have been themselves with Jesus, and have found comfort in Him, should do all they can to bring others to Him. Has He done us the honor to make Himself known to us? Let us do Him the honor to make Him known to others; nor can we do ourselves a greater honor. This woman becomes an apostle. *Quae scortum fuerat egressa, regreditur magistra evangelica - She who went forth a specimen of impurity returns a teacher of evangelical truth, saith Aretius.*

- Matthew Henry

# NEXT WEEK

June 7, 2020

## Unit 22: JESUS THE HEALER

***06/07 – Jesus Heals Ten Lepers (Luke 17)***

06/14 – Jesus Heals a Woman and Raises a Girl (Mark 5)

06/21 – Jesus Heals a Man at Bethesda (John 5)

06/28 – Jesus Heals a Man Born Blind (John 9)

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the  
love of God, and the communion of the  
Holy Ghost, be with you all. Amen.

– *2 Corinthians 13:14*