John 3 Pt 2 and **4** Pt 1

Jesus

- Wedding/Temple Cleansing/Nicodemus is Born Again

II. Above All

3:22 After these things Jesus and His disciples came into the land of Judea, and there **He remained with them and baptized**.

- Did Jesus baptize?

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John 4:1 Therefore, when the Lord knew that the Pharisees had heard that Jesus made and baptized more disciples than John (**though Jesus Himself did not baptize**, but **His disciples**) …He left Judea…

23 Now **John also was baptizing** in Aenon near Salim, because there was much water there. And they **came and were** baptized. 24 For John had **not yet** been thrown into prison.

John baptizing in a different location
Lit. People Came/Kept Coming/Kept being Baptized while John was available

IOWs John hadn't caused enough trouble to be thrown into prison…yet

25 Then there arose a dispute between some of John's disciples and the Jews about purification.

Unknown dispute between Jewish Leaders/John's guys
Prompts a visit to John by his disciples whose undies are in a bunch…

26 And they came to John and said to him, "Rabbi, He who was with you beyond the Jordan, to whom you have testified—behold, **He is baptizing, and all are coming to Him!"**

While John is Baptizing 100's: The Pharisees said All are leaving John/Going to Jesus!!!
IOWs John's guys: Everything we've worked for/Disciples we've Made/All Leaving for Jesus

27 John answered and said, "A man can receive nothing unless it has been given to him from heaven. 28 You yourselves bear me witness, that I said, 'I am not the Christ,' but, 'I have been sent before Him.' 29 He who has the bride is the bridegroom; but the friend of the bridegroom, who stands and hears him, rejoices greatly because of the bridegroom's voice. Therefore this joy of mine is fulfilled. 30 **He must increase, but I must decrease**.

IOWs No one wants to hear what the Best man has to say when the groom arrives
John: My Mission was to Prepare the Way for the One who is now here
Jesus must Increase/I must Decrease

- When discipling others:

    1. Don't make yourself the focus of attention
    2. Decrease as Jesus increases in those we lead to Him
    3. Direct/Keep directing them to Jesus for all things
    4. Admonish them: Take personal responsibility to seek Him/His Word

- Jesus must increase:

31 He who comes from above is **above all**; he who is of the earth is earthly and speaks of the earth. He who comes from heaven [Jesus] is **above all**.

Unless Jesus is above All in our Lives…We are Idolaters
He who Comes from Heaven is Above All. Above Everyone. Above Everything

- We will give Him His rightful Place/Seek His Kingdom/His Righteousness

32 And what He has seen and heard, that He testifies; and no one receives His testimony. 33 He who has received His testimony has **certified that God is true.**

By Believing Jesus regarding Salvation we Agree God is True…

34 For He whom God has sent speaks the words of God, for God does not **give the Spirit by measure.**

- **Jesus was** sent by the Father to Speak/Do the Words of the Father
- **Jesus was** 100% Motivated by the Spirit of Truth and that without limit

Everything Jesus says and does is 100% **Right**/100% **Good**/100% **True**. IOWs If I disagree with Jesus it's up to me to figure out **where/when/how I went wrong**. [NJC]

- v 33 We certify God is true by receiving/believing/doing the Words of Jesus

God the Father Validates God the Son. How?
By Leaving All Judgment in the Son's hands

35 The Father loves the Son, and has **given all things into His hand**. 36 He who believes in the Son **has everlasting life**; and he who does not believe the Son shall not see life, but the **wrath of God abides on him**."

- **Before Adam's Sin**

    1. No one ever sinned against God
    2. No one ever said no to God
    3. No one ever disobeyed God

- **After the first Adam Sinned**

    1. Sin saturated/corrupted all Creation
    2. All humanity was/is born dead
    3. God's wrath abided on every man. We were Doomed. But God…

The Father sent His Son Jesus, the Last Adam
To Pay for our sin on the Cross/Take our Wrath
That whosoever would believes would receive life

John 4 Pt 1 vv 1-26

- John is winding down/Jesus following is growing

I. Samaritan Woman's Mind Blown

1 Therefore, when the Lord knew that the Pharisees had heard that Jesus made and baptized more disciples than John **2** (though Jesus Himself did not baptize, but His disciples), **3** He left Judea and departed again to Galilee. **4** **But He needed to go through Samaria.**

Jesus leaves Judea for Galilee
But He needed to go through Samaria

- Capital of Northern Kingdom in time of Kings
- Built/Founded by Ahab's father Omri
- Later Assyria defeated/deported most of Northern Kingdom inc. Samaria
- Remnant left in Samaria: Mixed Race/Mixed Religion of Jews/Assyrian

Mutual Understanding between Jews/Samaritans
Jews hated Samaritans/Samaritans hated Jews

- Mutual understanding due to a mutual misunderstanding
- I don't like that man. I must get to know him better [Lincoln?]

v4 Jewish Jesus needed to go through Samaria
Important Business in Samaria

5 So [Jesus] came to a city of Samaria which is called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. 6 Now Jacob's well was there. Jesus therefore, being wearied from His journey, sat thus by the well. It was about the sixth hour.

- Jesus comes to Samaria
- City of Sychar lit. *Drunken* [probably Shechem]

    1. Jacob's blessing to Joseph before dying
    2. Place of Jacob's well in Samaria

Weary after 30-40 Mile Journey on foot
Jesus sits by the well. It is High Noon. Time when prostitutes come for water

7 A woman of Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give Me a drink."8 For His disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.

- Disciples are gone… Jesus is alone
- Samaritan woman comes to the well

Same Jesus who brought water from Rock 1500 yrs earlier
Yet Jesus looks up and says…Give Me a drink

9 Then the woman of Samaria said to [Jesus], "How is it that You, being a Jew, ask a drink from me, a Samaritan woman?" For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.

- **Expectation:**

1. Not a word would be said
2. Act as if neither one existed

Jesus is ready to blow her mind!
Calvary Chapel/All lovers of Grace: All about Blowing people's Minds w/Grace…

- **Samaritan Woman:** A Jew asking me for a drink?

1. **Why** are You talking to me?
2. **Why** do You think I would talk to You?

10 Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the **gift of God**, and **who it is** who says to you, 'Give Me a drink,' you would have asked Him, and He would have given you **living water**."

If you knew who I was/The Gift I have for you
You would ask Me to give you a drink… And I would blow your mind

- Awkward moment…

11 The woman said to Him, "Sir, **You have nothing to draw with**, and the well is deep. **Where then do You get that living water?**

If this Living Water is not in this well
Then where will You get it?...

12 Are You greater than **our father Jacob**, who **gave us** the well, and drank from it himself, as well as his sons and his livestock?"

IOWs You Jews are always trying to one up us Samaritans
Are you greater than *our father Jacob*…who *gave us* this well

IOWs Who do you think You are trying to tell me something?
Meekness of Jesus being tested…Longsuffering of God

Psalm 37:11 …the **meek** shall inherit the earth, And shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace.

Matthew 11:28 Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. 29 Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am **gentle and lowly in heart**, and **you will find rest for your souls.**

Jesus declines to retaliate w/a comeback but presses on with His mission
She is His reason for Jesus being there…Are you greater than Jacob?

13 Jesus answered and said to her, "Whoever drinks of this [Jacob's] water will thirst again, 14 but whoever drinks of the water that **I shall give him** will **never thirst**. But the water that I shall give him will become in him a **fountain** of water springing up into everlasting life."

Benefits of Life-Giving Water: Holy Spirit

- **Never Thirsting:** Search for spiritual Satisfaction/Wholeness will be over forever
- **Always Available:** Fountain of life today/Everlasting life forever

Our Source of Living Water is Always Flowing/Replenishing
Spirit given to us without Measure

John 7:38 He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, **out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.**

Romans 5:5 Now hope does not disappoint, because the **love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us.**

Q. How much Holy Spirit do you want?
A in Q: How much of your flesh are you willing to kill?

Isaiah 44:3 I will **pour water on him who is thirsty**, And floods on the dry ground; I will pour My Spirit on your descendants, And My blessing on your offspring…

Isaiah 55:1 Everyone who thirsts, **Come to the waters**; And you who have no money, Come, buy and eat. Yes, come, buy wine and milk Without money and without price.

John 6:35b …he who believes in Me **shall never thirst**.

Receive the Living Water from Jesus by Faith:
Life in the Spirit/Fountain Springing up w/in/Renewing/Refreshing

15 The woman said to Him, "**Sir, give me this water**, that I may not thirst, nor come here to draw."

Patience/Longsuffering of Jesus as w/Nicodemus after you must be born again…
Can a man go back into his mother's womb?

John 3:12 If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how will you believe if I tell you heavenly things?

On Jesus' Agenda for Today: Save the Samaritan Lady…a Prostitute
He must start w/the Law…Tutor to lead her to the Savior

Romans 2:4 [Do you not know…] that the goodness of God leads you to repentance?

We will only appreciate God's goodness when we understand our badness. [NJC]

Law opens our heart to the need of a Savior:
Great Physician begins the Operation…

16 Jesus said to her, "**Go, call your husband**, and come here." 17 The woman answered and said, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You have well said, 'I have no husband,' 18 for you have had five husbands, and the one whom you now have is not your husband; in that you spoke truly." 19 The woman said to Him, "Sir, I perceive that You are a prophet. 20 **Our fathers** worshiped on this mountain, and **you Jews** say that in Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship."

She protects herself from the sting of Jesus scalpel w/her Religious jargon…

- **Our** fathers worshiped here in Samaria
- **Your** fathers worshiped in Jerusalem

Your religious! I'm religious too. Our fathers/You Jews both worship
We can agree…Religion is good! Garble-ee-Gook same as Nicodemus

John 3:1 Rabbi, we know that You are a teacher come from God; for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him." 3 Jesus answered and said to him, "Most assuredly**, I say to you, unless one is born again**, he cannot see the kingdom of God."

- 5 past husbands/1 shacking up with

The Law is doing its deadly business on her heart as He continues
Jesus has work to complete…Does not let her go…Blows her mind w/Grace

21 Jesus said to her, "Woman, **believe Me**, the hour is coming when you will neither on this mountain, nor in Jerusalem, worship the Father. 22 You worship **what you do not know**; we know what we worship, for salvation is of the Jews. 23 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. 24 God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."

- This mountain/That place/This religion/That religion? Forget it!

Shush. Just Listen…The Father told Me He is seeking people *just like you*
To Worship Him in Spirit and Truth

- **Q.** Just like me?

- **A.** Just like you…a sinner who needs a Savior**.**

Faithful saying: Jesus came to this earth to save…sinners

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

- **…wait a minute**

26 Jesus said to her, "**I who speak to you am He**."

Luke 7:47 …to whom little is forgiven, the same loves little." [Thus…Those who are forgiven much**…love much**]

- That day a Samaritan prostitute received the Gift of Grace

Revelation 21:6 …Jesus said "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. **I will give of the fountain of the water of life freely** to him who thirsts.

Nicodemus/Samaritan Woman…You?
Once Whosoevers now Children of the Living God