

What We Worship

John 4 - **Tell the story.**

Jesus goes out of His way to speak to a woman who was a 5-time divorcée and who is living with a man who she is not married to.

6th hour of the day – (Hottest point of the day to ***avoid the ridicule*** of the other women who would go to the well in the morning)

- Disappointments
- Regrets
- Past failures
- Relationship problems
- Why was she divorced 5 times?
- Shame
- Embarrassment

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

- **“You worship what you do not know”**

There was evidently some **confusion in her life**.

- We would look at the situation and say; she **doesn't know** what she wants.
- She **can't** hold onto a husband.
- She **must have** this problem or that problem.
- But **Jesus looks at this woman** and after revealing to her that ***he knows the failures*** of her life says...

- **“You are confused as to what you worship.”**

He **didn't** blame it on the alcohol

- ***He didn't*** blame it on her parents or how she was raised.
- ***He didn't*** blame it on the addictions.
- ***He didn't*** blame it on her looks.
- ***He didn't*** blame it on her mental or emotional condition.

He said, "***You've been worshipping the wrong thing.***"

And in that moment ***she becomes not only a worshipper*** of Jesus Christ, but also ***an evangelist*** to the entire city of Samaria.

- Because of her witness, **Samaria was evangelized** with the gospel.
- **Great healings** happened later in Samaria.
- **The outpouring** of the Holy Ghost happened in Samaria.
- People were **healed and demons were cast out** of people...
- **All because** of this woman's change **in what she worshipped.**

Understand something – everyone **worships something.**

- Money – Fame – Hollywood - The Sports World – Themselves...

Jesus was speaking to a woman who had so much **going in the wrong direction** in her life.

- **5 times** she was joined in marriage to someone and **5 times** she was divorced.
- **Her hope** for a good marriage **was lost** because now she was simply living with a man.

Jesus goes out of His way to meet with her at the well of Samaria.

- Why this woman? Why this moment of her life?

Jesus wanted her to **understand worship.**

"You worship what you do not know"

- You are **confused** in your **worship.**
- You are **confused** as to **what you worship.**

I would like to suggest that **this world that we live in is confused as to the object of their worship.**

- Sport stars
- Movie stars
- Hollywood's Heroes – Spiderman, Superman, Batman, Ninja Turtles 😊
- Celebrities of all kinds

It amazes me sometimes what appears to be **the object of people's worship**.

- Sadly, **many people know** that the object of their worship is ***not where it is supposed to be...***
- Yet they are somehow **unwilling to change** the object of their worship.
- They are **addicted to drugs**.
- Their **marriage** is falling apart.
- Their **kids** are bent on self-destruction
- They **can't keep a job**.
- They **can't keep a spouse**.
- Their **addictions** are killing them.
- Their **past** is haunting them.
- Their **situations** of their life are destroying them

- They've **spent a lifetime worshipping the wrong thing** and no one can convince them **to give Jesus a try**, not even for a moment.

Jesus told this woman:

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.”

So there is confusion in the world that we live in about what we worship.

- Just as there was ***confusion*** in the day that **Jesus was speaking to this woman**, there is **confusion today**.
- People scream and shout to the top of their lungs **at a ball game**
- But when **Jesus** is in the house, they're **timid and ashamed to worship**.
- They **jump up and down** when their favorite team makes a scores -
- But when **the God of wonders shows up**, they **don't** even want to stand to honor Him.

People are confused about what they worship!!!!

- **They complain** when the service goes too long, but then go home and spend hour after hour watching their favorite programs on TV.

People are confused about what they worship!!!!

According to some estimates, there are roughly 4,200 religions in the world.

- 1.Christianity: 2.1 billion
- 2.Islam: 1.5 billion
- 3.Secular/Nonreligious/Agnostic/Atheist: 1.1 billion
- 4.Hinduism: 900 million
- 5.Chinese traditional religion: 394 million
- 6.Buddhism: 376 million

This world is confused about what it worships!!!!

Jesus told the woman at the well,

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.”

I believe what He was telling here was,

- “You **don’t** have to be **confused** about **what you worship** any longer!”

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.”

²⁶ Jesus said to her, “I who speak to you am He.”

- **Why** did Jesus **go out of His way to find this particular Samaritan woman?**
- **Why** did he **reach out to this person** who **had so much confusion** in her life?

Can you imagine how confusing her home was?

- I wonder if she had kids with all 5 of her husbands?

I believe **Jesus reached out** to **the most confused person** He could find in Samaria for a reason!

I believe Jesus likes bringing clarity to confusion.

- If He could bring clarity and healing to her life -
- What more could he do in the rest of Samaria?

Listen to His words – 26 “I who speak to you am *He*.”

Jesus wanted her to know that ***if she was looking for*** someone to worship.

- If she was **in need of** a celebrity.
- If she was **in need of** a hero.
- If her life **was craving something** to hang on to...
- **He was all she needed!!!!!!!!!!!!**

Standing right there in front of her was the -

- King of Kings.
- He was the Lord of Lords.
- Alpha - Omega
- The Creator of the Universe
- The One and Only One who would die for her sins.
- Her redeemer
- Her savior
- The One who would love her when ***no one would love her***
- The One who would love her in spite of ***her mistakes and failures!***
- **Her God!**

I don't know what you have need of today, but ***the One who holds the Universe together*** is wanting to ***help you*** bring some ***order to the confusion*** in your life.

- And it all starts with **your worship**.
- It all starts with getting this **one priority** in its right perspective.

What are you worshipping today?

Listen to the woman...

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.”

She had the right idea...

- She was **pointing** in the right direction...
- She was **waiting** on the right thing...
- But she was **missing the moment** of Worship!
- She was missing her **“When”**.
- She failed to recognize God ***when He showed up!***

So many people ***talk about God***, but very few of them ***really worship Him***.

- They talk religion
- They act religious
- They put on a good game...

“We know that Christ will come and tell us all things...”
It’s always some futuristic thing for some people.

- **Someday** Christ will come.
- **Someday**, I will go to church.
- **Someday**, I’ll give up the junk in my life and **start living for Jesus**.
- **Someday**... Yada Yada Yada, blah blah blah blah...

And **Jesus** told the woman, **“HEY, I’M RIGHT HERE!”**

- The one that you have been seeking is ***right here in front of you***.
- The one that you have been waiting for to bring ***some direction***...
- Order and stability ***into your life***
- **He went out of His way** today to meet with you in this place.

I don’t know if you’ve noticed it or not, but ***there is a presence of God in this place today***.

- ***His anointing*** is in the house.
- There is ***a sweet touch*** on this service.

What have you been **worshipping**?

- **How come** there is such **chaos**?
- **Why is it** that *relationship after relationship fails* as miserably as the one before it?
- Some people **can't even speak** to their neighbors or their co-workers.

You **may not** believe this, but **it matters** *what you are worshipping!*

- It matters **whose praises** you are singing.
- It matters **whom you clap** your hands to.
- It matters **whom you raise** your hands in surrender to.
- It matters **who the object** of your affection is.
- It matters **what or who** *you worship!!!*

Are you worshipping *the creation?*

- Or are you **worshipping** *the Creator* today.

Are you worshipping the thing that is *trying to destroy* your life?

- Or are you **worshipping** *the One who gave you your life?*

- Where does all your time go?
- Where does all your attention go?
- Where does all your money go?
- **What are you watching?**
- **What are you listening to?**
- What gets you pumped?
- What gets you excited?
- **Whose praises** are you singing?
- **What or who** are *you worshipping?*

Understand something,

- There's *a God who loves you* this morning.
- There's *a savior who suffered and died* so you could have salvation today.
- There's *someone named Jesus* who cares about you and yearns to be the object of *your affection* here today.

CLOSE:

Jesus is here to bring order to the confusion in your life.

- He is here **to set you free** from the things that **have you bound** today.
- He wants to heal you.
- He wants to bless your life.
- He's **waiting on you** to **worship Him**.
- He's **waiting on you** to **yield yourself** to **no one else but Him**.

I wonder if you would.... WILL YOU?????