

John 4:16-26

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John 4:16-18 – *“(16) Jesus saith unto her, Go, call thy husband, and come hither. (17) The woman answered and said, I have no husband. Jesus said unto her, Thou hast well said, I have no husband: (18) For thou hast had five husbands; and he whom thou now hast is not thy husband: in that saidst thou truly.”*

A. By Jesus telling this woman to go and call her husband He is putting her “on the spot” (cf. **Luke 7:36-50**).

1. Jesus already knew her situation (**John 2:24-25** and **John 21:17**).
2. More than that, He also knows what people think. So, He knows her response and the reason she responded like she did (**Matthew 12:25**).

B. By Jesus saying her current husband is not her husband He has revealed some things...

1. This woman is an adulteress (**Mark 10:11-12**, **Luke 16:18**, and **Romans 7:1-3**).
2. She has not put away her husband(s) for fornication (**Matthew 5:31-32** and **Matthew 19:3-9**).
3. She would have to remove herself from her current marriage (**Ezekiel 14:6**, **Luke 13:3**, and **II Timothy 2:19**).
4. Her only recourse would have originally been to remain unmarried or to be reconciled to the husband she truly belongs with (**I Corinthians 7:10-11**).

John 4:19-24 – *“(19) The woman saith unto him, Sir, I perceive that thou art a prophet. (20) Our fathers worshipped in this mountain; and ye say, that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship. (21) Jesus saith unto her, Woman, believe me, the hour cometh, when ye shall neither in this mountain, nor yet at Jerusalem, worship the Father. (22) Ye worship ye know not what: we know what we worship: for salvation is of the Jews. (23) But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. (24) God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.”*

A. She perceived Jesus was a prophet for He knew things about her, which she did not openly reveal to Him (**John 4:29**).

1. The things Jesus did revealed He was a prophet (**John 6:14**).
2. Jesus was a prophet (**Luke 24:19** and **Acts 3:22-26**; cf. **Matthew 26:34-35**, **Luke 18:31-33**, and **Luke 21:20-22**).

B. Worship is no longer about a physical place, but rather spiritual in nature (**Philippians 3:3**).

1. God’s true people assemble in many different places to worship God (**Acts 2:46**, **Acts 5:42**, **I Corinthians 16:19**, etc.).

2. The fact that there are true worshippers (**Joshua 24:14**) reveals that there are also false worshippers (**Matthew 15:7-9**).
3. God does not accept the worship of those who are not in a right relationship with Him (**Proverbs 15:8, Proverbs 15:29, Isaiah 1:10-18, and I Peter 3:12**).

John 4:25-26 – “(25) *The woman saith unto him, I know that Messias cometh, which is called Christ: when he is come, he will tell us all things.* (26) *Jesus saith unto her, I that speak unto thee am he.*”

A. Like others, this woman was looking for the Messiah while being unsure what to look for (**Matthew 11:1-6**).

1. She couldn't see what was right in front of her (**Isaiah 59:9-12**).
2. Like many of her day, people were not looking hard enough (**Luke 12:54-57**).

B. Jesus establishes that He is the Messiah [the Christ, the anointed one] (**Matthew 16:16-17, Matthew 23:8; 10, John 6:48, John 8:56-59, John 10:14, John 11:25, and John 14:6**).

1. A similar statement was made by Jesus to the blind man He healed (**John 9:35-38**).
2. While men might deny the Lord, He will not deny Himself (**II Timothy 2:10-13**).