

# The Book of John - 24

**Introduction** - We are continuing to see this conversation that ensues between the Lord Jesus Christ and this woman of Sychar. We left off in the last lesson with **verses 19 and 20**. As this conversation continues, we see that the Lord touched her heart.

As John Phillips stated in His conversation, there was first a **disturbing reservation** when the woman was asked to get her husband. Then there was a **defensive reaction** to her statement, "I have no husband." Which led to a **damaging revelation**, when the Lord replied, "*Thou hast well said...*"

This causes us to see a progression in her understanding of the Lord as the Light illuminated her life.

At first, she simply **called Him a Jew** (John 4:9).

Then she preceded to **call Him sir** in verse 11.

In verse 19, she now calls the Lord Jesus Christ **a prophet**.

By the end, **she shall believe on Him as the Christ**. (v26-29).

After having been discovered concerning her sin, this woman begins to try to change the focus of the conversation by asking a **peculiar religious question**.

Notice what is asked, (v20) *Our fathers worshipped in this mountain; and ye say, that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship.*"

Is it true what she stated, her fathers did worship in that mountain? Yes, it is. What a tremendous number of troubling claims to deal with. And yet the Lord was not sidetracked by this claim.

In **verse 21**, the Lord instead presents to her amazing revelatory truth! And this, my friend, is what only God can do!

Notice what He states in verse 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.*"

The Lord knew even then that in less than a generation the Jerusalem temple would be just as extinct as the one that used to be on top of Gerizim.

Warren Wiersbe stated, *“It was a devastating statement to say that worship would no longer be limited to the Jewish temple. This ties in with John 2:19–21 and also Stephen’s statement in Acts 7:48–50. John’s Gospel clearly reveals that there is a new sacrifice (John 1:29), a new temple (John 2:19–21; 4:20–24), a new birth (John 3:1–7), and a new water (John 4:11). Jews reading this Gospel should realize that God has established in Jesus Christ a whole new economy.”*

These statements not only cause her thoughts to rise above men’s arguments.

Her attention is turned from a **place to a person**.

Notice what the Lord states in verse 22:

**John 4:22** *“Ye worship ye know not what: we know what we worship: for salvation is of the Jews.”*

This statement does away the idea that God’s stamp of approval is on all religions or that all roads lead to God. New ways, new revelations, and new truth are not of God. God has given to us what we need in the Bible. Salvation is of the Jews, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**II Timothy 3:15** tells us that the scriptures *“are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.”*

One Bible scholar stated this *“(BEC): The only faith that God will accept is that which came through the Jews. The Bible is of Jewish origin, and our Saviour was a Jew. The first Christians were Jews. A religious worker in an airport told me that the world’s deliverer came from Korea, but Jesus said, “Salvation is of the Jews.”*

Our Saviour, who is the Christ came into this world as a Jew. He is the line of David, of the tribe of Judah. His name is Jesus who is the Christ, God’s only begotten Son. And this is the One that was talking with this woman.