

Overcoming Uncertain Times:

The Conflict Within

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John 4:1-30 and 39-42

Therefore when the Lord knew that the Pharisees had heard that Jesus was making and baptizing more disciples than John **2** (although Jesus Himself was not baptizing, but His disciples were), **3** He left Judea and went away again into Galilee. **4** And He had to pass through Samaria. **5** So He *came to a city of Samaria called Sychar, near the parcel of ground that Jacob gave to his son Joseph; **6** and Jacob's well was there. So Jesus, being wearied from His journey, was sitting thus by the well. It was about [a]the sixth hour. **7** There *came a woman of Samaria to draw water. Jesus *said to her, "Give Me a drink." **8** For His disciples had gone away into the city to buy food. **9** Therefore the Samaritan woman *said to Him, "How is it that You, being a Jew, ask me for a drink since I am a Samaritan woman?" (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.) **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." **11** She *said to Him, "[b]Sir, You have nothing to draw with and the well is deep; where then do You get that living water? **12** You are not greater than our father Jacob, are You, who gave us the well, and drank of it himself and his sons and his cattle?" **13** Jesus answered and said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will thirst again; **14** but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him shall never thirst; but the water that I will give him will become in him a well of water springing up to eternal life." **15** The woman *said to Him, "[c]Sir, give me this water, so I will not be thirsty nor come all the way here to draw." **16** He *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 correctly said, 'I have no husband'; **18** for you have had five husbands, and the one whom you now have is not your husband; this you have said truly." **19** The woman *said to Him, "[d]Sir, I perceive that You are a prophet. **20** Our fathers worshiped in this mountain, and you *people* say that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship." **21** Jesus *said to her, "Woman, believe Me, an hour is coming when neither in this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. **22** You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. **23** But an hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for such people the Father seeks to be His worshipers. **24** God is [e]spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth." **25** The woman *said to Him, "I know that Messiah is coming (He who is called Christ); when that One comes, He will declare all things to us." **26** Jesus *said to her, "I who speak to you am *He*." **27** At this point His disciples came, and they were amazed that He had been speaking with a woman, yet no one said, "What do You seek?" or, "Why do You speak with her?" **28** So the woman left her waterpot, and went into the city and *said to the men, **29** "Come, see a man who told me all the things that I *have* done; this is not [f]the Christ, is it?" **30** They went out of the city, and were coming to Him.....**39** From that city many of the Samaritans believed in Him because of the word of the woman who testified, "He told me all the things that I *have* done." **40** So when the Samaritans came to Jesus, they were asking Him to stay with them; and He stayed there two days. **41** Many more believed because of His word; **42** and they were saying to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves and know that this One is indeed the Savior of the world."