



SERMON NOTES

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Scripture: John 4:16-26 (NAS)

Topic: "Salvation Leads To Worship"

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- 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, "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 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."

I. THE GOSPEL'S APPROACH TO THE CHRISTMAS STORY

- A. John Takes Us Back Before The Foundation Of The World
- B. Matthew Tells Of Wise Men Who Followed A Star And Came To Worship
- C. Luke Speaks Of Shepherds Directed By Angels To A Manger Who Departed In Worship

II. JOHN DECLARES JESUS

- A. In His In Humanity
- B. In His Divinity
- C. As A Messenger Of The Gospel

III. THE GOSPEL REVEALED

- A. The Gift Of God
- B. The Consciousness Of Sin
- C. The Savior Revealed *John 4:26; 8:12; 8:58; 10:9, 14; 11:25; 14:6*

IV. WORSHIP IN RESPONSE TO SALVATION

- A. God's Nature Determines How He Is To Be Worshipped
 - 1. God is spirit
 - 2. Worship is not location specific
 - 3. God is everywhere present
 - 4. Where ever worshippers gather
- B. The Nature Of The Worshipper
 - 1. Not merely a physical presence
 - 2. In spirit—with heart prepared to worship
- C. The Nature Of Worship
 - 1. Worship in truth
 - 2. Defined by God's word *John 17:17*