



John: The Great "I AM" Gospel  
John 4:20-26  
From Sermon 7.16.23

Read *John 4:20-26*

Overview from Sunday's sermon: Now converted/regenerated, the woman at the well is ready for deep, spiritual truth that only God the Holy Spirit can illuminate. As Jesus outlines the great transition that is on the way, He simultaneously reviews the nature of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

1. Read and Discuss the Changes Jesus said were on the Way.

- Identity of the Elect—See *1 Peter 2:9*
- Who the Spirit Equips & Empowers
- Location of Worship
- Spirit (relationship and liberty) & Truth (the Word of God and the non-negotiables) vs. Heritage.
- Focus of Worship = Jesus Christ vs. the Altar and the Sacrifice

2. Jesus said the true worshippers of the God will worship in Spirit and in Truth. While this touches on many doctrines, what was covered on Sunday?

- Spirit = Freedom from the Law/Liberty/That which we can adjust: music\*, location, building, dress, language, day\*. See *2 Corinthians 3:17* [music must still focus on Christ and have sound doctrine]
- Truth = The Non-negotiables from the Word. Order. Qualified Male leadership. Expository preaching. Church discipline. Lord's Supper & Baptism. Not something you attend, but Something you become. God-centered vs man (seeker) centered.

3. Read *1 Timothy 1:17*. What are some of the barriers to God (the Father) without Jesus Christ (God the Son)? God is Holy, Invisible, Unapproachable, & Unknowable. He is Not Found, because natural man never seeks. See also *Romans 3:10-12* (which is quoting Psalm 14)

4. Jesus goes on to state the divisive truth at "...*salvation is from the Jews*". What is Jesus teaching the woman? The Samaritans had it wrong. God is a god of order, election, and sovereignty. They were in error by rejecting the bulk of the Old Testament (Joshua thru Malachi). Those texts reveal the holiness, righteousness, and grace of God. Also, Jesus came through Israel—the Southern Tribes: Adam—Noah—Abraham—Isaac—Jacob/Israel—Judah—David—Jesus.

4a. Other Truths found in that same Statement:

- Salvation is found in No other Name—See *Acts 4:12*
- No other Way (Person/Savior) is Coming—See *John 14:6*

4b. Relatable to our day and culture, this Destroys...

...Pluralism: believing all or many valid ways to the same end. Religions are mostly alike.

...Syncretism: the blending and borrowing from all or many religions making for the best system.

...Liberalism: rejecting Scripture because it fails to accommodate cultural sin and philosophy.