

Mount Olive Wednesday Night Bible Study and Prayer Meeting

June 10, 2020

John 4: 19 -26

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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.

25 The woman saith unto him, I know that Messiah 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.

Pastor Tom reviewed a bit from last week's discussion of Living Water with some information from Dr. David Jeremiah's Turning Point Devotional for June 3rd.

Jeremiah 2: 11-13

"11 Hath a nation changed their gods, which are yet no gods? but my people have changed their glory for that which doth not profit.

12 Be astonished, O ye heavens, at this, and be horribly afraid, be ye very desolate, saith the Lord.

13 For my people have committed two evils; they have forsaken me the fountain of living waters, and hewed them out cisterns, broken cisterns, that can hold no water."

*Verse 11 seems quite appropriate for the times we are experiencing today.

*Verses 12 & 13 refer to the contrast between fountains of Living Water (ever-running, life-giving) and run-off water in broken cisterns that cannot

sustain life. Two evils evident here: people forgetting/forsaking living water and trying to live off of broken cisterns.

Then Pastor Tom asked the question of the evening with discussion planned for later on:

When did Jesus first reveal himself to you?

Verse 19

“19 The woman saith unto him, Sir, I perceive that thou art a prophet.”

*Even though she had one-on-one contact with Jesus, she still does not realize who he was; referred to him as ‘just a prophet’.

Matthew 16: 13 - 19

“13 When Jesus came into the coasts of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, saying, Whom do men say that I the Son of man am?”

14 And they said, Some say that thou art John the Baptist: some, Elias; and others, Jeremias, or one of the prophets.

15 He saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am?

16 And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.

17 And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven.

18 And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

19 And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.”

*When the disciples answered Jesus’ question of who he was they gave these choices:

John the Baptist - who was already beheaded

Elias and Jeremial - who were also already dead for a long time

(Be careful who you make Jesus in your life...In Tom’s opinion, once we are dead and in Heaven, we do not have feelings about earthly things since there are no tears in Heaven.)

*Then Jesus asks Peter for his answer: You are the Christ. Jesus responds that Simon Peter got the answer through the Spirit. Therefore, our understanding of who Jesus is must come from God/Spirit, who leads us into all TRUTH. And in John 14: 6, again, we read that Jesus is the way, THE TRUTH, and the life. The only one who can lead you or draw you to Jesus is the Holy Spirit.

*We can see that even in this 'nutsy' time, the Holy Spirit is still leading people to Christ.

Verse 20

“Our fathers worshipped in this mountain; and ye say, that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship.”

*This verse talks about places of worship. Well, in this time we are going through, we have a unique perspective of 'places to worship'. Even though the Bible does not want us to forget about gathering together to worship, we have learned that the Church is not bound in a building but can exist through technology. Of course, with the hope of meeting together again soon!

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.”

*This verse seems to be presuming that the Samaritans' and the Jews' places of worship would be taken away at some time, similar to our churches needing to close due to government guidelines for COVID-19. Furthermore, this verse could be referencing how the church will be suppressed in the later days. This was Jesus' prophecy/warning for us.

Verse 22

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

*How many people worship something that is not worthy of worship?

*This woman was from Samaria, but several prophecies and witnesses align, saying that Jesus would be a Jew:

The following 6 verses affirm that Jesus had to be a Jew

Genesis 12: 1 - 2

“Now the Lord had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee: 2 And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing:”

*This is called the Abrahamic Covenant.

Genesis 35: 10

“And God said unto him, Thy name is Jacob: thy name shall not be called any more Jacob, but Israel shall be thy name: and he called his name Israel.”

*This is when Jacob's name became Israel. Israel had 12 sons who fathered the 12 tribes of Israel.

Genesis 49: 8 - 12

“8 Judah, thou art he whom thy brethren shall praise: thy hand shall be in the neck of thine enemies; thy father's children shall bow down before thee. 9 Judah is a lion's whelp: from the prey, my son, thou art gone up: he stooped down, he couched as a lion, and as an old lion; who shall rouse him up? 10 The sceptre shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until Shiloh come; and unto him shall the gathering of the people be. 11 Binding his foal unto the vine, and his ass's colt unto the choice vine; he washed his garments in wine, and his clothes in the blood of grapes: 12 His eyes shall be red with wine, and his teeth white with milk.”

*This is Jacob's Blessing to son Judah. Reference to the sceptre means the kingship will stay within the family line. And this was 1700 years before Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey.

I Samuel 16: 10 - 12

“10 Again, Jesse made seven of his sons to pass before Samuel. And Samuel said unto Jesse, The Lord hath not chosen these. 11 And Samuel said unto Jesse, Are here all thy children? And he said, There remaineth yet the youngest, and, behold, he keepeth the sheep. And Samuel said unto Jesse, Send and fetch him: for we will not sit down till he come hither. 12 And he sent, and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and withal of a beautiful countenance, and goodly to look to. And the Lord said, Arise, anoint him: for this is he.”

*This verse shows that the line of Abraham goes through David, Jesse's youngest son.

Matthew 20: 29 - 30

“29 And as they departed from Jericho, a great multitude followed him.

30 And, behold, two blind men sitting by the way side, when they heard that Jesus passed by, cried out, saying, Have mercy on us, O Lord, thou son of David.”

* Even the blind man knew the prophecy that Jesus had to come from the line of David.

Matthew 21: 9

“And the multitudes that went before, and that followed, cried, saying, Hosanna to the son of David: Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest.”

*Now, not just one person but multitudes knew it was Jesus, from the line of David.

Verses 23 & 24

“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.”

*Note that Spirit with a capital S refers to God/Holy Spirit, while spirit with a lower case s refers to our spirit. We have to have peace in our spirit with God's Spirit.

Verse 25

“25 The woman saith unto him, I know that Messiah cometh, which is called Christ: when he is come, he will tell us all things.”

*The woman knows the Christ will tell all yet here she is face to face with Him and she does not recognize Him! But,,how many people do we know who come face to face with Jesus and still don't know it's Him?

Verse 26

“Jesus saith unto her, I that speak unto thee am he.”

*It seems as if Jesus is saying, “Hey, it’s me!” He reveals himself to her finally. (Side note from Jill - I have a note in my Bible that says this is the first time Jesus reveals who he is to someone)

Matthew 26: 63 - 68

“63 But Jesus held his peace, And the high priest answered and said unto him, I adjure thee by the living God, that thou tell us whether thou be the Christ, the Son of God. 64 Jesus saith unto him, Thou hast said: nevertheless I say unto you, Hereafter shall ye see the Son of man sitting on the right hand of power, and coming in the clouds of heaven. 65 Then the high priest rent his clothes, saying, He hath spoken blasphemy; what further need have we of witnesses? behold, now ye have heard his blasphemy. 66 What think ye? They answered and said, He is guilty of death. 67 Then did they spit in his face, and buffeted him; and others smote him with the palms of their hands, 68 Saying, Prophecy unto us, thou Christ, Who is he that smote thee?”

*This is when Jesus tries to reveal himself to the High Priest who resisted accepting who Jesus was.

Back to the question Pastor Tom asked to start our lesson tonight:

When did Jesus first reveal himself to you?

Sis shared her story about the many times Jesus had revealed himself to her but one particularly vivid night when she had only \$24 to buy gas and cigarettes. After paying for \$12 worth of gas a woman in need of help humbly asked Sis for \$12! Of course, through the leading of the Holy Spirit, she gave the woman the \$12 and knew she’d had an encounter with Jesus.

Many other testimonies were not shared tonight on the conference call. Hopefully, we can have the boldness to share when we get back together face to face.

Finally, Tom continued the lesson by explaining the difference between the terms Savior and Lord:

The Bible does not use the word Savior nearly as much as the word Lord. Savior refers to offering and giving salvation(rescue) and eternal life while Lord implies that we choose to make Him ruler of our heart, soul, mind and strength. It's one thing to ask Jesus to save you but it's another thing to make Him Lord of your life. Just wanting salvation is not God's complete plan. IF all we want is a rescue blanket, that's not fulfilling what Jesus said...He wants to be Lord. It's not right to say "I'm saved" but continue living the same lifestyle. Making Him Lord is the on-going work of sanctification, changing our lifestyle in order to elevate Jesus to be in first place in our lives.

*May the Lord watch between me and thee,
While we are absent one from the other.*