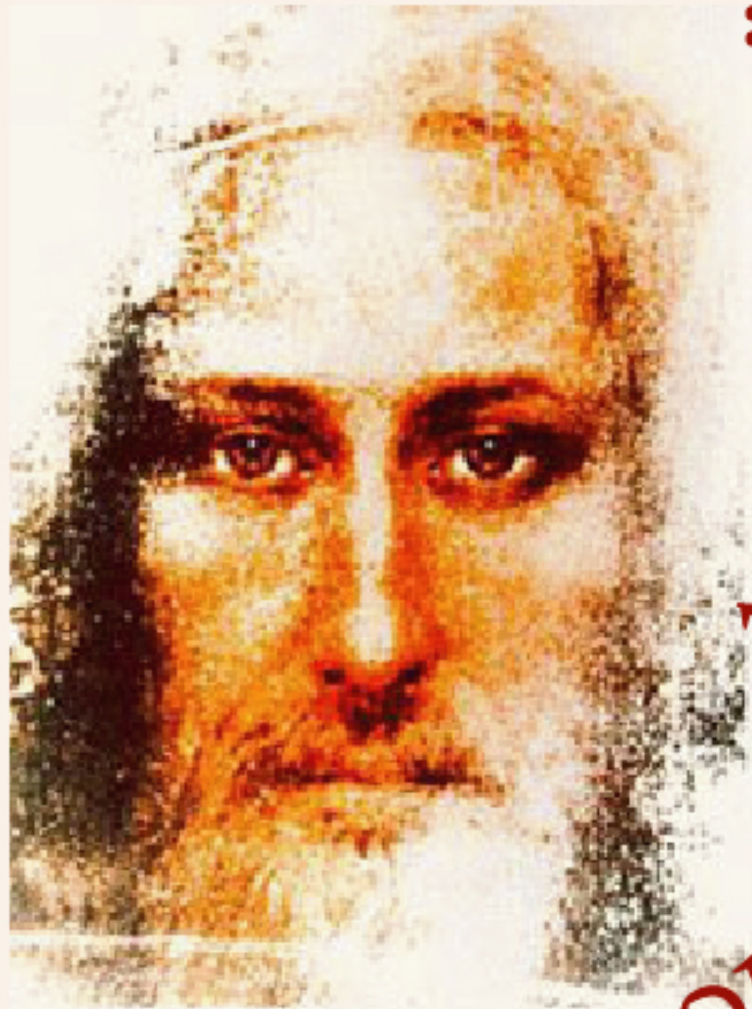


The Gospel of John ~ Part Two:



"Who do you say that I am?"

Meeting
Jesus Christ
through
His signs
and ministry

~ John 1:19-12:50

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*The Woman at
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John 4:1-26

¹The Pharisees heard that Jesus was gaining and baptizing more disciples than John, ²although in fact it was not Jesus who baptized, but his disciples. ³When the Lord learned of this, he left Judea and went back once more to Galilee. ⁴Now he had to go through Samaria. ⁵So he came to a town in Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of ground Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired as he was from the journey, sat down by the well. It was about the sixth hour.

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⁷When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, “Will you give me a drink?” ⁸(His disciples had gone into the town to buy food.) ⁹The Samaritan woman said to him, “You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink?” (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans.) ¹⁰Jesus answered her, “If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water.”

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¹¹“Sir,” the woman said, “you have nothing to draw with and the well is deep. Where can you get this living water? ¹²Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did also his sons and his flocks and herds?” ¹³Jesus answered, “Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴but whoever drinks the water I give him will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.” ¹⁵The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water so that I won’t get thirsty and have to keep coming here to draw water.”

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¹⁶He told her, “Go, call your husband and come back.”

¹⁷“I have no husband,” she replied. Jesus said to her,

“You are right when you say you have no husband.

¹⁸The fact is, you have had five husbands, and the man you now have is not your husband. What you have just said is quite true.” ¹⁹“Sir,” the woman said, “I can see that you are a prophet. ²⁰Our fathers worshipped on this mountain, but you Jews claim that the place where we must worship is in Jerusalem.”

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²¹Jesus declared, “Believe me, woman, a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. ²²You Samaritans worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for they are the kind of worshippers the Father seeks. ²⁴God is spirit, and his worshippers must worship in spirit and in truth.” ²⁵The woman said, “I know that Messiah” (called Christ) “is coming. When he comes, he will explain everything to us.” ²⁶Then Jesus declared, “I who speak to you am he.”

Two Reactions to Jesus Ministry to the Samaritans

This week - The Disciples of Jesus' reaction

John 4:27-38

²⁷Just then his disciples returned and were surprised to find him talking with a woman. But no one asked,

“What do you want?

or

“Why are you talking with her?”

"Prolong not conversation with a woman."

The editor of Yose then added, "that is to say, [there is to be no conversation, (presumably in public)], even with one's own wife. Hence the wise men say, "He who prolongs conversation with a woman brings evil upon himself, ceases from the words of the law, and at last inherits Gehanna, (hell)."

~ Yose ben Yohanan, Jewish Rabbi of the 2nd Century

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²⁸Then, leaving her water jar, the woman went back to the town and said to the people, ²⁹“Come, see a man who told me everything I ever did. Could this be the Christ?” ³⁰They came out of the town and made their way towards him.

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³¹Meanwhile his disciples urged him, “Rabbi, eat something.” ³²But he said to them, “I have food to eat that you know nothing about.” ³³Then his disciples said to each other, “Could someone have brought him food?” ³⁴“My food,” said Jesus, “is to do the will of him who sent me and to finish his work.”

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³⁵Do you not say, 'Four months more and then the harvest'? I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest. ³⁶Even now the reaper draws his wages, even now he harvests the crop for eternal life, so that the sower and the reaper may be glad together. ³⁷Thus the saying 'One sows and another reaps' is true. ³⁸I sent you to reap what you have not worked for. Others have done the hard work, and you have reaped the benefits of their labor."

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Hope's vision: to honor God by helping as many people as possible become fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ.

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*2. Starting new churches and ministries
around the world!*

Why Start New Churches?

Two Biblical Mandates

Matthew 16:18

And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it.

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Matthew 28:16-20

Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

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~ *Kent Hunter*

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“Christianity has always expanded through the multiplication of churches. The Book of Acts records how the boundaries of the Christian faith were pushed to the uttermost parts of the world through the multiplication of new churches. To this day, throughout every generation, Christianity has extended to new areas and new peoples via the multiplication of new churches.”

~ Robert Logan

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“I begin this book with a categorical statement that will seem bold and brash to some at first sight, even though it has been well substantiated by research over the past two or three decades:
The single most effective evangelistic methodology under heaven is planting new churches.”

~ C. Peter Wagner [in Church Planting for a Greater Harvest]

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“[New] Churches worth their salt aren't parasites on existing churches. They reach believers who dropped out of church years ago. They reach people who don't really know the Lord. They reach children who have never gone to Sunday school in their lives. They reach the lost.”

Dr. Ralph Winter

U.S. Center for World Missions

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 - 40% of 40 " "
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 - 20% of 20 " "

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Greatest US Church Planting Opportunities:

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Ethnic America

Young America

Postmodern America

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Hope's Previous Efforts...

In 2002...



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In 2004...

What's Next?

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Jason, Christa, Eliana, Isaiah and Sariah

Church Planting in East Asia with the Evangelical Free Church

What's Next?

What... Another 'free building'???

Hope's Third Minnesota Church Plant!!



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