

Who is Jesus Christ Risen From the Dead and Living Eternally?

Gospel: John 4:5-42: *Then cometh he to a city of Samaria, which is called Sychar, near to the parcel of ground that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Now Jacob's well was there. Jesus therefore, being wearied with [his] journey, sat thus on the well: [and] it was about the sixth hour. There cometh a woman of Samaria to draw water: Jesus saith unto her, Give me to drink. (For his disciples were gone away unto the city to buy meat.) Then saith the woman of Samaria unto him, How is it that thou, being a Jew, askest drink of me, which am a woman of Samaria? for the Jews have no dealings with the Samaritans. Jesus answered and said unto her, If thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of him, and he would have given thee living water. The woman saith unto him, Sir, thou hast nothing to draw with, and the well is deep: from whence then hast thou that living water? Art thou greater than our father Jacob, which gave us the well, and drank thereof himself, and his children, and his cattle? Jesus answered and said unto her, Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again: But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life. The woman saith unto him, Sir, give me this water, that I thirst not, neither come hither to draw. Jesus saith unto her, Go, call thy husband, and come hither. The woman answered and said, I have no husband. Jesus said unto her, Thou hast well said, I have no husband: For thou hast had five husbands; and he whom thou now hast is not thy husband: in that saidst thou truly. The woman saith unto him, Sir, I perceive that thou art a prophet. Our fathers worshipped in this mountain; and ye say, that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship. Jesus saith unto her, Woman,*

believe me, the hour cometh, when ye shall neither in this mountain, nor yet at Jerusalem, worship the Father. Ye worship ye know not what: we know what we worship: for salvation is of the Jews. 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. God [is] a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship [him] in spirit and in truth. The woman saith unto him, I know that Messiah cometh, which is called Christ: when he is come, he will tell us all things. Jesus saith unto her, I that speak unto thee am [he]. And upon this came his disciples, and marvelled that he talked with the woman: yet no man said, What seekest thou? or, Why talkest thou with her? The woman then left her waterpot, and went her way into the city, and saith to the men, Come, see a man, which told me all things that ever I did: is not this the Christ? Then they went out of the city, and came unto him. In the mean while his disciples prayed him, saying, Master, eat. But he said unto them, I have meat to eat that ye know not of. Therefore said the disciples one to another, Hath any man brought him [ought] to eat? Jesus saith unto them, My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work. Say not ye, There are yet four months, and [then] cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest. And he that reapeth receiveth wages, and gathereth fruit unto life eternal: that both he that soweth and he that reapeth may rejoice together. And herein is that saying true, One soweth, and another reapeth. I sent you to reap that whereon ye bestowed no labour: other men laboured, and ye are entered into their labours. And many of the Samaritans of that city believed on him for the saying of the woman, which testified, He told me all that ever I did. So when the Samaritans were come unto him, they besought him that he would tarry with them: and he abode there two days. And many more believed because of his own word; And said unto the woman, Now we believe, not because of thy saying: for we have heard [him] ourselves, and know that this is indeed the Christ, the Saviour of the world.

The encounter of the Samaritan woman with Christ is an example of how man gets to know Jesus. It seems that knowledge of God goes hand in hand with

knowledge of oneself, and vice versa, the knowledge of self is realized on the light of our knowledge of God.

The Samaritan woman was at the well performing her daily work, drawing water to quench her thirst. There she met Jesus. She would not have expected to see him other than as a Jew, or a normal man! So she asked him: "How do you ask me to give you to drink, and you are a Jewish, and I am a Samaritan?" For her, Christ, was no more than a stranger. He was also a prideful enemy! The Jews did not mix with the Samaritans.

Jesus spoke to her about "living water." Whoever drinks from this water will never thirst again. These words carried her mind to think about the eternal world, meditating religiously and asking, "Are you greater than Jacob?"

From this religious dialogue, the Lord carried her to contemplate about herself. Instead of going into religious polemics, he asked her about her husband, and her personal life,. When His words touched her life and heart, Jesus became for her "a prophet." This is the essence of religion, to become prophetic, touching people's lives and guiding their conduct.

From this living front, the Lord spoke to her about a religion of spirit, and not of empty words, about a religion that releases, and about a religion being a preferred choice and an assurance of one's experience of truth. He did not talk to her about rules and religious worship, but about the fullness in which the heart of man only rest. At that moment His dialogue reminded her of the awaited Messiah. Jesus informed her, "I am the One talking to you." For her, Jesus became the Savior who

will tell us about everything, and we shall tell him everything, having put all our trust in Him.

The Samaritan got to know Christ through knowing herself. In her performing her worldly work, she thought he is a Jewish. Then when she entered the world of religion, she thought of him as greater than Jacob. More, when she was lifted up to spiritual experience and the knowledge of herself, confessing about her truth, she looked at Him as being a prophet. Finally, when she reached the worship in Spirit and Truth, she realized that he was the Messiah

When she was fulfilling her daily needs, Christ was for her a stranger and an enemy. And when she tried to fix her religious view he became a teacher, a prophet when she remember her past and a Messiah when she touched upon true worship.

The greater than this is that when she realized he is the Savior of the world she became his apostle, calling people to behold and see what she saw.

Jesus Christ resurrected from the dead, and eternal, is the Savior. If we meet Him and ask Him to save us, we will become His apostles. In other words, Jesus is the one who sends. He sends those who recognize him and know him well. Whoever receives the knowledge of Christ and does not relay this knowledge contradicts the Gospel words, "Freely you receive, freely give." Jesus is not a Lord of religion, or a social worker, or just a prophet, He is the one who sends. Whoever truly confronts Him will become His apostle.

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Jesus is not a matter in life. He is the matter of our life. He is the subject of our goal, and in him we live, and move and have our existence. Amen.

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