

We will begin our 3rd lecture on the book of John. /Our message today starts from John 3:13.

/Verse 13. Let us read. /No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man.

/Jesus descended from heaven. /He is also someone who will ascend into heaven. /Later on, Jesus will ascend into heaven. /This teaches us that we can only be saved through Jesus Christ.

/It means we can only enter heaven through Jesus Christ. /Acts 4:12

/Verses 14-15. /And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

/Numbers 21:4-7. /The Israelites complained in the wilderness. /When they did this, God sent fiery serpents to bite them. /Many people died. /God told Moses to make a bronze snake and put it on a pole.

/ “Anyone who looks at the bronze serpent will live.” /This is a prophesy of Jesus, who will carry the cursed cross and hang on it. /It predicts the nailing of Jesus to the cross.

/We are saved when we look to the cross of Jesus. /The verse says, “So must the Son of Man be lifted up.” /This symbolizes Jesus being nailed to the cross.

/Verse 16. /“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

/John 3:16 is one of the most important verses in the entire Bible. /I’m guessing you have memorized John 3:16. /Let’s say it out loud together. /Begin. /“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.”

/God so loved the world. /God saves every nation, whether Greek or barbarian, without discrimination. /Anyone who believes in Jesus is saved.

/God’s motive for saving us is his infinite love. /Jesus is God’s only begotten Son. /God loved us. /He sent his only Son to die for us because he loved us.

/God saves anyone who believes in Jesus. /If we believe in Jesus, we do not perish. /We will not ever perish. /We will have eternal life.

/This means we will live forever in heaven. /We will not live for a short one thousand or ten thousand years. /We have eternal life with God in heaven.

/Verse 17. /For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

/God sent his only Son /not to condemn the world, /but to save it. /However, when Jesus returns, he will come to judge. /If we believe in Jesus, we will not be judged.

/Anyone who does not believe in Jesus receives eternal judgment. /Original sin lies within non-believers. /They also carry actual sin. /For this reason, they will be condemned and judged before God.

/Verse 19. /And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil.

/Jesus Christ is the light of the world. /The Lord is the light of the spirit. /He is the light of truth. /Therefore anyone who does not accept the light will be judged. /Those who do evil hate the light.

/Non-believers do not believe in Jesus. /They do not follow the truth. /They do not follow the truth because they are wicked. /However, those who follow the truth enter the light. / Those who follow the truth believe in Jesus.

/Jesus delights when we go forward to him. /Our spirits are given peace. /We must always be near to the Lord. /We need to live in the light. /We must communicate with God at all times and act in the truth.

/Verse 22. /After this Jesus and his disciples went into the Judean countryside, and he remained there with them and was baptizing.

/Jesus went up to Jerusalem. /When he was there, he baptized people. /His disciples also baptized people. /John 4:1,2 /John the Baptist baptized people as well.

/Aenon in verse 23 is located 8 miles Southwest of Bethany. /This was before John the Baptist was imprisoned.

/Verses 25-26. /Now a discussion arose between some of John's disciples and a Jew over purification. And they came to John and said to him, “Rabbi, he who was with you across the Jordan, to whom you bore witness—look, he is baptizing, and all are going to him.”

/ “Purification” refers to the practice of washing one’s hands and feet before eating food. /Baptism is similar to this. /Baptism is a sign of washing sin away and becoming clean. /John the Baptist’s disciples were jealous.

/They were jealous because people went to Jesus when they saw Jesus’s disciples conducting baptisms. /For this reason, John the Baptist’s disciples were disappointed. /John the Baptist responds to them in this way. /He says that God had allowed everything.

/John the Baptist was not envious. /He was glad even if all his disciples went to Jesus. /He was happy when the people he baptized went to Jesus. /John was satisfied in seeing the work of God that was happening, even if it meant he personally loses. /John the Baptist was humble in this way.

/Verse 28. /You yourselves bear me witness, that I said, 'I am not the Christ, but I have been sent before him.'

/John the Baptist clearly said that he was not the Christ. /He said he is one "sent before him." /John the Baptist came to bear witness to Jesus.

/He was humble. /He denied himself. /John only bore witness to Jesus and lifted Jesus up.

/Verse 29. /The one who has the bride is the bridegroom. The friend of the bridegroom, who stands and hears him, rejoices greatly at the bridegroom's voice. Therefore this joy of mine is now complete.

/Jesus is the bridegroom. /We believers are the bride. /John the Baptist rejoiced in introducing Jesus to believers. /He rejoiced in seeing believers go to Jesus. /This is normal.

/Verse 30. /He must increase, but I must decrease."

/John the Baptist says that Jesus must increase. /He says that he himself must decrease. /John only lifted Jesus up. /One can only prosper when he lifts Jesus up. /John boasted in Jesus.

/We may be despised and treated with contempt, /but we need to be satisfied in seeing Jesus being lifted up. /Psalm 131:1 /Jesus complimented John. /Matthew 11:11 /He complimented John the Baptist by saying there is no one greater than John the Baptist among those born of women.

/Verses 31-32. /He who comes from above is above all. He who is of the earth belongs to the earth and speaks in an earthly way. He who comes from heaven is above all. He bears witness to what he has seen and heard, yet no one receives his testimony.

/Jesus Christ is the Son of the Everlasting God. /Therefore Jesus comes from above. /He is above all things. /People are of the earth. /He who is of the earth belongs to the earth and speaks in an earthly way.

/Therefore the people of the earth do not receive this testimony. /Verse 33 says, "Whoever receives his testimony sets his seal to this, that God is true." /The person who is born again through the word and the Holy Spirit receives the testimony of Christ.

/The one who receives Jesus's testimony says that God is true. /The verse says that this person "sets his seal." /The Holy Spirit sets the seal of the spirit of the one who receives

Christ's testimony. /The Holy Spirit sets the seal on our hearts. /That is how we come to believe in Jesus.

/Verse 34. /For he whom God has sent utters the words of God, for he gives the Spirit without measure.

/The only words that Jesus utters are the words of God. /Jesus only fulfills the works of God. /He completely receives the guidance of the Holy Spirit. /Jesus completely obeyed God.

/Thus the work of the Holy Spirit was without measure in Jesus. /Verse 35 says that the Father loves the Son. /He also gave all things to his Son.

/Verse 36. /Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life; whoever does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God remains on him.

/Whoever believes in Jesus Christ, the Son of God, has eternal life. /Those who do not obey the Son or believe in him do not have eternal life. /In other words, those who do not believe perish. /Non-believers are not forgiven of their sins. /Therefore they cannot avoid the wrath and judgment of the Everlasting God.

/We will continue with John 4. /The title of the chapter is "The Samaritan Woman." /I will give you the main points of the chapter.

/First, the Samaritan woman receives salvation. /Verses 1-26. /Second, the Samaritan woman spreads the gospel. /Verses 27-42. /Third, Jesus returns to Galilee. /Verses 43-45. /Fourth, Jesus heals the son of the king's official. /Verses 46-54.

/Verse 1. Let us read. /Now when Jesus learned that the Pharisees had heard that Jesus was making and baptizing more disciples than John

/Jesus's disciples baptized people. /John the Baptist also baptized people. /Most of the baptisms were done by Jesus's disciples and not Jesus himself.

/Verses 3-4. /he left Judea and departed again for Galilee. And he had to pass through Samaria.

/Jesus left Judea and departed for Galilee. /He is moving northward from Jerusalem to Galilee. /The region of Samaria appears once you move a little to the north of Jerusalem.

/In the region of Samaria is the city of Shechem. /In this city is a town called Sychar. /Sychar lies 2 miles Southeast of Shechem. /Genesis 48:22

/Verse 6. /Jacob's well was there; so Jesus, wearied as he was from his journey, was sitting beside the well. It was about the sixth hour.

/Jacob's well was also at this place. /Legend has it that their ancestor Jacob dug the well. /However, the well is extremely deep. /It is about 21 meters deep. /At the sixth hour, Jesus arrived there.

/In Roman time, it is 6 in the evening. /In Jewish time, it is noon. /However, most scholars claim that it was noon. /Because Jesus was human, he became thirsty. /He was tired.

/Verses 7-8. /A woman from Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." (For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.)

/A Samaritan woman came to draw water. /The disciples at the time had gone to buy food to eat. /This woman was ashamed of herself. /That is why she came alone to the well at a time when no one was around.

/Verse 9. /The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a woman of Samaria?" (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.)

/Jesus asked the Samaritan woman for water. /He preached the gospel to her. /When we evangelize, we can start with simple words. /At the well, "Give me a drink" is an appropriate thing to say. /Before we tell people to believe in Jesus, we can start with a normal conversation.

/It is good for us to start preaching the gospel in a natural manner. /At the time period, Samaritans and Jews did not deal with each other. /The Jews treated Samaritans as Gentiles.

/The Jews treated them this way because they believed Samaritans were religiously corrupt. /Furthermore, Samaritans in the past married interracially with the people of the North. /In 721 B.C., North Israel was taken captive to Assyria.

/Then foreigners came and lived among them. /Because this happened, they became mixed-blooded, /and religiously, they saw decay. /2 Kings 17:24 /Ezra 4:2-4 /Additionally, Jews and Samaritans wore different clothing. /They probably also spoke with different accents.

/Verse 10. /Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water."

/Jesus is saying that he will give her living water. /Living water is the work of life of Jesus that he does with truth and inspiration. /But this woman did not know about this holy, living water. /She was only thinking about the water in the well.

/She was only thinking of material things. /However, Jesus teaches her about the living water.

/Verse 12. /Are you greater than our father Jacob? He gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did his sons and his livestock.”

/The verse says that Jacob gave them the well in the past. It says, “He gave us the well.” / For this reason, people respected Jacob. /They boasted in Jacob. /This woman asked Jesus, “Are you greater than our father Jacob?” /The woman here is trying to exclude Jesus.

/Verses 13-14. /Jesus said to her, “Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.”

/Jesus says that everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again. / “This water” is the water from the well of Sychar. /It refers to today’s water of the world. /It refers to material things. /They are worldly things.

/People cannot be satisfied in the things of the world. /We cannot quench the thirst in our lives in these things. /We cannot solve our problem of thirst. /We cannot find satisfaction in money. /We cannot find satisfaction in pleasure.

/We cannot find satisfaction in honor or authority. /Ecclesiastes 1:8 /Ecclesiastes 2:3 /Isaiah 55:1 says, “Come, everyone who thirsts.” /Everyone in the world is thirsty.

/People are thirsty for money, /pleasure, /men, /women, /academics, /children, /and authority in the world. /However, even if we succeed in getting these things, our spirits will not be satisfied.

/When we try to find satisfaction in the things of the world, it is as if we are drinking salty ocean water. /Believers! You cannot drink ocean water because you have run out of drinking water. /We become more thirsty if we drink the water of the sea.

/Gaining more of the things of the world does not give us true satisfaction. /It is important that we drink of the water of life that Jesus gives to us. /Jesus gives this to us.

/By drinking the water of life, our spirits come alive. /Through the word and the Holy Spirit, our spirits come to life. /We find satisfaction, happiness, and life in God. /Psalm 23:1

/Verse 15. /The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water, so that I will not be thirsty or have to come here to draw water.”

/The woman is still thinking about material things. /However, Jesus teaches her about the holy living water. /In verse 16, Jesus says to the woman, “Go, call your husband, and come here.” /He is telling her to repent. /Repentance is the only way to drink of the living water.

/Verse 17. /The woman answered him, “I have no husband.” Jesus said to her, “You are right in saying, ‘I have no husband’;

/The woman told Jesus that she has no husband. /She does have a husband, but he isn’t her real husband. /Jesus knew all about the woman.

/Verse 18. /for you have had five husbands, and the one you now have is not your husband. What you have said is true.”

/The woman had five husbands in the past. /The man she lives with now is not her husband. /She was secretly living with this man, though this is abnormal.

/Jesus knew all about the woman. /There is a reason Jesus spoke these words. /He wanted the woman to repent of her sins.

/Verse 19. /The woman said to him, “Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet.

/At this moment, the woman repented. /She immediately repented after she was rebuked and her sins were uncovered. /Proverbs 28:13 /She says to Jesus, “I perceive that you are a prophet.”

/The woman thought Jesus was a prophet. /She acknowledged Jesus as a prophet. /Now, through Jesus, she is to drink of the living water. /The woman is to be saved.

/Verse 20. /Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but you say that in Jerusalem is the place where people ought to worship.”

/The woman asked Jesus a question that was always on her mind. /The ancestors of the Samaritan people gave offerings on Mount Gerizim. /Since the days of the past, the Jews had given offerings in Jerusalem.

/The Samaritan asked Jesus this question. /Is it right for us to worship on Mount Gerizim? Or is it right to worship in Jerusalem? /Jesus told her that Jerusalem is the place where people ought to worship. /Verse 22 tells us this.

/Verse 21. /Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father.

/In the past, worshiping in Jerusalem was the right thing to do. /Now, Jesus has come. /In the New Testament times, it is neither Jerusalem nor Mount Gerizim. /The place where we worship is not important. /Ritualistic worship is not important. /The time has come for us to worship the Father in truth.

/Verse 22. /You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews.

/The people of Samaria worship on Mount Gerizim what they do not know. /The Jews worship what they know. /For this reason, it is correct for them to worship in Jerusalem.

/Jesus said that salvation is from the Jews. /He means that the Christ will be born of the Jews. /Jesus Christ was in fact born as a Jew. /He is our Savior.

/Verse 23. /But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him.

/We must worship God in spirit and truth. /This is holy worship. /Romans 12:1-2 / “To worship” means “to be in adoration of God.” /It means “to serve God.”

/We need to communicate spiritually with Christ, and we need to worship God according to the word. /We need to be in a spiritual relationship with God. /We also need to worship in a way that is consistent with the word. /This is true worship before God.

Verse 24. /God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.”

/God is spirit. /God fills heaven and earth. /Jeremiah 23:24 /Therefore those who worship must worship in spirit and in truth. /This isn’t worship that is focused on people or on the flesh. /It isn’t worship intended to bring people joy.

/Worship is not giving glory to people. /Worship must give God joy. /We need to worship in accordance with the word of God. /We need to communicate with God through the Holy Spirit when we worship. /God rejoices in this kind of worship.

/Verse 25. /The woman said to him, “I know that Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ). When he comes, he will tell us all things.”

/The Samaritan woman was waiting for the Messiah. /She believed that the Messiah would teach them everything, solve every problem, and give them salvation. /The woman did not yet know that Jesus is the Christ. /She still believed Jesus was a prophet.

/Verse 26. /Jesus said to her, “I who speak to you am he.”

/Jesus said to her, “I am the Messiah.” /He made it clear that he is Christ. /Because Jesus told her, the Samaritan woman came to believe Jesus as Savior.

/Jesus Christ clearly taught the woman about who he is. /He taught her so that she would believe.

/Verse 27. /Just then his disciples came back. They marveled that he was talking with a woman, but no one said, “What do you seek?” or, “Why are you talking with her?”

/The disciples bought food and came back. /They found Jesus talking to the Samaritan woman. /They did not ask him, “Why are you talking with her?”

/Verse 28. /So the woman left her water jar and went away into town and said to the people

/The Samaritan woman found the Messiah and she believed. /She was deeply moved and filled with joy. /This is such good news. /She could not keep it to herself.

/The woman left her water jar and bore witness about Christ in the town. /She forgot that she was supposed to fetch water. /She forgot because the good news had brought her great joy.

/She rushed to her town to tell others that Jesus Christ had come. /We too must evangelize in this way. /We must prioritize spreading the gospel over our possessions or businesses. /The woman believed that she must hurry up and spread the gospel.

/Verse 29. /“Come, see a man who told me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?”

/The woman spread the gospel based on her spiritual experience. /She had just experienced something in her faith. /She was a completely different person from who she was before she believed in Jesus. /Mark 5:19 / “I have come to believe in Jesus, and I am now joyful.”

/ “I receive blessings after believing in Jesus.” /After we come to believe in Jesus, we too must bear witness to receiving the grace of God. /Therefore we must place Christ above all the things of the world.

/We start giving testimonies of our faith. /After discovering Jesus, the woman laid down everything and she bore witness about the Lord. /Matthew 4:22 /Furthermore the woman was no longer ashamed of her past.

/ “Jesus knows all that I ever did.” /The shameful things of our past do not matter. /What matters is the fact that we believe in Jesus and are changed. /After repenting of her sins and believing in Jesus, the Samaritan woman paid off the things of her past. /She changed and became a new person.

/She also went to her town and hurriedly started evangelizing. /Rahab the prostitute changed and became a new person. /She believed in Jesus and was included in Jesus’s genealogy. /The Samaritan woman told the people of her town to come as she bore witness to Christ.

/Believers! Evangelizing is not something that is difficult to do. / “Come just one time,” / “Let’s go to church together.” /We simply have to say, “Come.” /Verse 30 tells us that the people of the town came to Jesus. /Thus, they came to believe in Jesus.

/Verse 31. /Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, saying, “Rabbi, eat.”

/The disciples urged Jesus to eat the food. /Jesus told them that he has food that they do not know about. /The disciples were thinking of food for the flesh. /However, Jesus explains to them that it is spiritual food.

/Verse 34. /Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to accomplish his work.

/Jesus’s food is spiritual food. /This food is the word of God. /Our belief in Jesus is our food. /John 6:51 /John 6:29 /Our fulfilling of God’s will is our food. /Also, spreading the gospel and carrying the cross are Jesus’s spiritual food.

/Verse 35. /Do you not say, ‘There are yet four months, then comes the harvest’? Look, I tell you, lift up your eyes, and see that the fields are white for harvest.

/The harvest comes four months after the seed is sown. /Looking at the fields, Jesus saw that the fields had turned white for harvest. /It means that the time for spiritual harvest has come. /For a long time, the prophets of the Old Testament sowed the seed of the gospel.

/Now, in the New Testament times, the time has come for the harvest. /Therefore we must actively harvest at every opportunity that we have. /Evangelizing is like sowing seed. /It is also like harvesting. /When we evangelize, we sow and harvest.

/Verse 36. /Already the one who reaps is receiving wages and gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together.

/Believers of the New Testament times are those who reap. /We must work hard to reap. /We need to work hard to evangelize. /Both the sower and the reaper rejoice. /Joy comes when we spread the gospel. /Luke 10:17 /Luke 10:1,7

/Those who receive the gospel also rejoice. /The angels rejoice. /God rejoices. /Therefore we must evangelize. /However, evangelizing is not an easy task. /If we sow in tears, a day will come when we bring in the sheaves with joy. /Psalm 126:5,6

/Verses 37-38. /For here the saying holds true, ‘One sows and another reaps.’ I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor.”

/We need to diligently work in reaping. /Both the sower and the reaper rejoice. /Both are rewarded.

/Verse 39. /Many Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman's testimony, “He told me all that I ever did.”

/The Samaritan woman worked hard in preaching the gospel. /She did so by telling the story of her past. /She also told stories of the things that happened after she came to believe in Jesus.

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/The work of the Holy Spirit was powerfully working at this time. /That is how many people were saved.

/Verses 40-41. /So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them, and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word.

/The Samaritans personally saw Jesus and believed. /The people then asked Jesus to stay with them. /Jesus stayed with them for two days, delivering the word to them.

/We are given grace and blessed to accept Jesus and serve him. /Zacchaeus also accepted Jesus and was blessed. /Martha and Mary accepted Jesus and were blessed.

/Verse 42. /They said to the woman, “It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is indeed the Savior of the world.”

/The Samaritan people, after listening to Jesus’s message, came to believe. /Seeing Jesus in person, they were more certain about their belief in Jesus. /They heard his words and came to understand. /We too, like the Samaritan woman, must diligently preach the gospel.

/This concludes our 3rd lecture on the book of John. Thank you.