

Jesus Is... The Initiator of New Testament Worship

- I. God's love knows no boundaries (John 3:16; 4:1-15)
- II. Jesus reveals her thirst-quenching strategy (John 4:15-18)
- III. The Samaritan woman responds (John 4:19-20)
 - A. Deflects
 - B. Focuses on religious differences
 - "Our fathers worshiped on this mountain (Mt. Gerizim)" (Deut. 11:29; 27:12)
 - "You Jews say Jerusalem is the place to worship" (Deut. 12:11-14)
 1. Everyone has their religion:
 - a. Main – Jew, Muslim, Catholic, Hindu, Buddhist
 - b. Spirituality – New Age
 - c. Atheist & Agnostic
 - d. Self-worship
 2. Everyone wants to worship
 - C. Focuses on "place"
 1. Jews – Jerusalem (Temple wall)
 2. Muslims – Mecca & Istanbul, Turkey (beard and footprint of Mohammed)
 3. Catholics – Vatican
 4. Hindus – Varanesi (Ganges – cleansed of all sins)
 5. Buddhists – Kandy, Sri Lanka (Temple of the Tooth – Buddha's left canine)
- IV. Jesus initiates New Testament worship (John 4:21-24)
 - A. Worship is not about "where" (v. 21)
 - B. Worship is all about "how" not "where" (vv. 23)
 - 1) Jesus brings in a new era – "The time is now here" – everything has changed!
 - 2) The Father is seeking worship in spirit & truth
 - C. True worship (v. 24)
 - 1) Can be done anywhere
 - a. "God is spirit"
 - b. Prison, nature, work, home, school, hospital, car, church building, etc.
 - c. No more distinction between sacred and secular space
 - 2) Is in spirit and truth
 - 3) The Value of Personal & Corporate worship