

# The Way We Worship

John 4.7-26

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## Introduction

- Setting: **Samaria** / Sychar
- Issues: **worship** and evangelism
- Items to note: the discussion of the **Spirit** / the relationship between **salvation** and worship
- The **contrast** between Nicodemus and the Samaritan woman / moving from **outside** to **inside**

## Main Points: Worship is

1. **Living** – vs. 10-15
  - Living water is water that moves like a river as opposed to well water or water from a cistern.
  - Numbers 20.11; Revelation 14.2; 19.6; Ezekiel 47
  - Worship flows from the **heart** of the true believer
2. **Unadulterated** – vs. 16-19
  - The five husbands correlate to Israel's idolatry – 2Kings 17.24-41
  - Psalm 81.8-12; Jeremiah 1.16
  - We can't worship God and **ourselves** at the same time
3. **Boundless** – vs. 20-21
  - It doesn't matter where
  - Acts 7.48; Isaiah 66.1-2

- True worship can happen anywhere; it's the **person** we worship, not the place

## 4. **Spiritual** – vs. 22-24

- When he speaks of “worship in Spirit and truth,” Jesus may have in view the common identification of the \*Spirit with prophetic inspiration and empowerment in ancient Judaism, as well as \*Old Testament passages about charismatic, prophetic worship (especially 1 Sam 10:5; 1 Chron 25:1–6). Given the common belief that the prophetic Spirit was no longer fully active, Jesus' words would strike ancient ears forcefully. The future hour (4:21) is present as well as future; Jesus makes the character of the future world available to his \*disciples in their present lives (see comment on 3:16). For oppressed Jews and Samaritans longing for the future promise, this was also a striking statement.<sup>1</sup>
- The heart of **worship** is worship from the **heart**

## Conclusion

### True worship is

- **passionate** – living
- **pure** – to God and God alone
- **personal** – focused on God
- **pneumatic** – it's a spiritual exercise

This is the way we worship.

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<sup>1</sup> Keener, C. S. (2014). [The IVP Bible Background Commentary: New Testament](#) (Second Edition, p. 260). Downers Grove, IL: IVP Academic: An Imprint of InterVarsity Press.