



### "HUNGER FOR THE FOOD OF FAITHFULNESS"

JOHN 4:27-34 BIBLE STUDY

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#### CONTEXT NIC AT NIGHT VS. WOMAN AT THE WELL



1 Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. 2 This man came to Him at night and said to Him, "Rabbi, we know you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him." (Jn 3:1-2, AT)



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3 Jesus answered and said to him, "Amen, Amen, I say to you: unless someone is **born again** [/from above] [ἄνωθεν [anothen], they cannot see the kingdom of God." 4 Nicodemus says to Him, "How can a man be born when he is an old man? He can't go into his mother's womb a second time and be born, can he?" (Jn 3:3-4, AT)





28 You yourselves can testify that I said, 'I am not the Messiah but am sent ahead of him.' 29 The bride belongs to the bridegroom. The friend who attends the bridegroom waits and listens for him, and is full of joy when he hears the bridegroom's voice. That joy is mine, and it is now complete. 30 He must become greater; I must become less." (Jn 3:28-30, NIV)





The one who comes from above  $[\alpha v \omega \theta \epsilon v]$ anothen] is above all; the one who is from the earth belongs to the earth, and speaks as one from the earth. The one who comes from heaven is above all. (Jn 3:31, NIV)





Every good and perfect gift is **from above** [ἄνωθεν | *anōthen*], **coming down** from the Father of the **heavenly lights**, who does not change like shifting shadows. (Jas 1:17, NIV)





13 Who is wise and understanding among you? Let them show it by their good life, by deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom. 14 But if you harbor bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast about it or deny the truth. 15 Such "wisdom" does not come down from **heaven** [ἄνωθεν | *anōthen*] but is **earthly**, unspiritual, demonic. (Jas 3:13-15, NIV)





16 For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice.

17 But the wisdom that comes **from heaven** [ $av\omega\theta\epsilon v$  | *anothen*] is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere. (Jas 3:16-17, NIV)





5 Jesus answered, "Amen, Amen, I say to you: unless someone is born of water and [the] Spirit, they cannot enter the kingdom of God." 6 What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. 7 You should not be amazed that I said, "You (all) must be **born again** [/from above] [ $\alpha v \omega \theta \varepsilon v \mid an \overline{o} then$ ]." 8 The wind blows wherever it wishes. And you hear its sound, but do not know from where it is coming nor where it is going. So it is with everyone who is **born of the Spirit**. (Jn 3:5-8, AT)



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9 "How can this be?" Nicodemus asked. 10 "You are Israel's teacher," said Jesus, "and do you not understand these things?" (Jn 3:9-10, NIV)





For I will pour water on the thirsty land, and streams on the dry ground; I will pour out my Spirit on your offspring, and my blessing on your descendants. (Is 44:3, NIV)





"I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean; I will cleanse you from all your impurities and from all your idols. 26 I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. 27 And I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws. (Eze 36:25-27, NIV)





1 Then, when Jesus knew that the Pharisees had heard that Jesus was making and baptizing more disciples than John 2 (although Jesus Himself did not baptize, but His disciples), 3 He left Judea and went away again to Galilee. 4 But it was necessary [ $\delta \epsilon \tilde{i} | dei$ ] for Him to go through Samaria. (Jn 4:1-4, AT)





5 So He goes to a city of Samaria called Sychar, near the field that Jacob had given to his son, Joseph. 6 Now Jacob's spring was there. So Jesus, because He had become tired from the journey, was sitting down thus by the spring. It was about **noon** [lit. sixth hour]. (Jn 4:5-6, AT)





7 A woman from Samaria comes to draw water. Jesus says to her, "Give Me [some water] to drink." 8 (For His disciples had gone away into the city in order to buy food.) 9 Then the woman – the Samaritan – says to Him, "How is it that You, being a Jew, from me, being a Samaritan woman, ask for [some water] to drink?" (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans.) (Jn 4:7-9, AT)





Jesus answered and said to her, "If you had known the gift of God and who it is that is saying to you, "Give Me [something] to drink", you would have asked Him, and He would have given you living water. (Jn 4:10, AT)





11 The woman says to Him, "Sir, you do not have a bucket and the well is deep. So, where do You get this living water?" 12 You're not greater than our father, Jacob – who gave us the well, and who himself drank from it, as well as his sons and livestock – are you? (Jn 4:11-12, AT)





13 Jesus answered and said to her, "Everyone who [habitually] drinks of this water will be thirsty again. 14 But whoever drinks of the water that I will give to them will never be thirsty for all eternity. Instead, the water that I will give to them will become in them a spring of water, welling up into eternal life. (Jn 4:13-14, AT)





37 On the last and greatest day of the festival, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink. 38 Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them." 39 By this he meant the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were later to receive. Up to that time the Spirit had not been given, since Jesus had not yet been glorified. (Jn 7:37-39, NIV)



CONTEXT TRUE SPIRITUAL SATISFACTION



Then Jesus declared, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. (Jn 6:35, NIV)





15 The woman says to Him, "Sir, give me this water so that I will not be thirsty nor [have to] come through here to draw [water]." 16 He says to her, "Go, call your husband and come here." 17 The woman answered and said to Him, "I do not have a husband." Jesus says to her, "You have rightly said, 'A husband I do not have', 18 because five husbands you have had, and the [man] whom you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" (Jn 4:15-18, AT)





19 The woman says to Him, "Sir, I perceive that You are a prophet. 20 Our fathers worshipped on this mountain. And yet you [Jews] say that the place where it is necessary [ $\delta \epsilon \tilde{i} | dei$ ] to worship is in Jerusalem. 21 Jesus says to her, "Trust me, woman, that a time is coming when you [all] will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. 22 You [Samaritans] worship what you do not know; we [Jews] worship what we do know – because salvation is from the Jews. (Jn 4:19-22, AT)





23 But a time is coming and is now [here] when true worshippers will worship the Father in Spirit and in truth. For the Father seeks [ $\zeta\eta\tau\epsilon\omega$  |  $z\bar{e}te\bar{o}$ ] such [people] who worship Him. 24 God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in Spirit and in truth. (Jn 4:23-24, AT)



CONTEXT JESUS: I AM THE MESSIAH



25 The woman says to Him, "I know that Messiah" (the One who is called Christ) "is coming. Whenever He comes, that Man will explain everything to us." 26 Jesus says to her, "I - the One who is speaking to you – I am [that Man]." (Jn 4:25-26, AT)



JOHN 4:27 WHY DO YOU SPEAK WITH HER?



And just then, His disciples came and were astonished that He was speaking with a woman – though no one asked, "What is it that you seek [ζητέω | *zēteō*]?" or "Why do you speak with her?" (Jn 4:27, AT)



JOHN 4:27 WHY DO YOU SPEAK WITH HER?



There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. (Gal 3:28, NIV)



JOHN 4:28 FORGET SOMETHING?



# Then, she left her water jar and went into the city. And she says to the men: (Jn 4:28, AT)





### Come! See a man who told me

# everything I ever did. This couldn't be the Messiah, could it? (Jn 4:29, AT)





- 35 The next day John was there again with two of his disciples. 36 When he saw Jesus passing by, he said, "Look, the Lamb of God!"
- 37 When the two disciples heard him say this, they followed Jesus. 38 Turning around, Jesus saw them following and asked, "What do you want?"
- They said, "Rabbi" (which means "Teacher"), "where are you staying?"
- 39 "Come," he replied, "and you will see."
- So they **went** and **saw** where he was staying, and they spent that day with him. It was about four in the afternoon. (Jn 1:35-39, NIV)





40 Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, was one of the two who heard what John had said and who had followed Jesus. 41 **The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him**, "We have found the Messiah" (that is, the Christ). 42 And he brought him to Jesus.

Jesus looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You will be called Cephas" (which, when translated, is Peter). (Jn 1:40-42, NIV)





43 The next day Jesus decided to leave for Galilee. Finding Philip, he said to him, "Follow me."

44 Philip, like Andrew and Peter, was from the town of Bethsaida. 45 Philip found Nathanael and told him, "We have found the one Moses wrote about in the Law, and about whom the prophets also wrote—Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph."

46 "Nazareth! Can anything good come from there?" Nathanael asked.

"Come and see," said Philip. (Jn 1:43-46, NIV)



JOHN 4:29 RHETORICAL QUESTION



15 "Watch out for false prophets. They come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ferocious wolves. 16 By their fruit you will recognize them. Do people pick grapes from thornbushes, or figs from thistles? (Mt 7:15-16, NIV)



JOHN 4:29 RHETORICAL QUESTION



"See, I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves; so be **wise** as serpents and innocent as doves. (Mt 10:16, NRSV)



JOHN 4:29 THE MESSAGE IS A MATTER OF LIFE AND DEATH



## Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life, but whoever rejects the Son will not see life, for God's wrath remains on them. (Jn 3:36, NIV)



#### JOHN 4:29 THE MESSAGE IS A MATTER OF LIFE AND DEATH



I told you that you would **die in your sins**; if you do not believe that I am he, you will indeed **die in your sins**." (Jn 8:24, NIV)



JOHN 4:30 GOOD HARVEST!



# They went out of the city and were coming to Him. (Jn 4:30, AT)



JOHN 4:31 HAVE SOME FOOD!



In the meantime, the disciples were begging him, saying: "Rabbi, [please] eat [something]" (Jn 4:31, AT)



JOHN 4:32 I GOT FOOD!



# But He said to them, "*I* have food to eat that *you* don't know

[about]." (Jn 4:32, AT)



JOHN 4:32 I GOT FOOD!



26 Jesus answered, "Very truly I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw the signs I performed but because you ate the loaves and had your fill. 27 Do not work for food that spoils, but for food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For on him God the Father has placed his seal of approval." (Jn 6:26-27, NIV)



JOHN 4:33 WHO BROUGHT FOOD?



Then the disciples began saying to each other, "No one brought Him [something] to eat, did they?" (Jn 4:33, AT)





Jesus says to them, "My food is that I should do the will of Him who sent me and finish ( $\tau \epsilon \lambda \epsilon \iota \delta \omega$ ) teleioō) His work." (Jn 4:34, AT)





# For I have come down from heaven not to do my will but to do the will of him who sent me. (Jn 6:38, NIV)





For I did not speak on my own, but the Father who sent me commanded me to say all that I have spoken. (Jn 12:49, NIV)





"Abba, Father," he said, "everything is possible for you. Take this cup from me. Yet not what I will, but what you will." (Mk 14:36, NIV)





When your words came, I ate them; they were my joy and my heart's delight, for I bear your name, LORD [YHWH] God Almighty (Jer 15:16, NIV)





1 And he said to me, "Son of man, eat what is before you, eat this scroll; then go and speak to the people of Israel." 2 So I opened my mouth, and he gave me the scroll to eat. 3 Then he said to me, "Son of man, eat this scroll I am giving you and fill your stomach with it." So I ate it, and it tasted as sweet as honey in my mouth. (Eze 3:1-3, NIV)





### How sweet are your words to my taste,

### sweeter than honey to my mouth!"

## (Ps 119:103, NIV)





Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God." (Mt 4:4, NIV)



JOHN 4:34 FINISHING THE TASK



When he had received the drink, Jesus said, "It is **finished**  $[\tau \epsilon \lambda \epsilon \omega]$  *teleo*]." With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit. (Jn 19:30, NIV)



#### JOHN 4:34 ...OF THE ONE WHO SENT HIM/US



For, in this way, God loved the world: that He **gave** the one-of-a-kind Son, so that everyone who is [continually] faithful to Him shall not perish but have eternal life. (Jn 3:16, AT)

17 For God did not **send** his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. 18 Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because they have not believed in the name of God's one and only Son. (Jn 3:17-18, NIV)



JOHN 4:34 ...OF THE ONE WHO SENT HIM/US



# As you sent me into the world, I

## have sent them into the world.

## (Jn 17:18, NIV)



JOHN 4:34 ...OF THE ONE WHO SENT HIM/US



# Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the **Father** has **sent me**, **I** am **sending you**." (Jn 20:21, NIV)



JOHN 4:34 SPIRITUAL DIET



Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness because they will be filled. (Mt 5:6, AT)



JOHN 4:34 SPIRITUAL DIET



## As the deer **pants** for streams of water, so my soul **pants** for you, my God. (Ps 42:1, NIV)