

Study Guide for March 2nd, 2008. Thirsty or Satisfied? John 4:1-26

Introduction: When have you received a provision that satisfied a longing of your soul?
How did it come about? How long did you wait for such fulfillment?

I. Back to Galilee: vs. 1-3

- A. Why does Jesus return to Galilee at this juncture?
- B. What misunderstanding does John clear up?
- C. What seem to be the ministry priorities at this point in Jesus' ministry?

II. Geographic Heritage / Historic Hatred: vs. 4-6

- A. What do you know about the conflict between Jews and Samaritans?
- B. What significant history occurred at / near Sychar?
- C. What is Jesus condition when he and the disciples arrive at the well at noon?

III. A Life-changing Encounter: vs. 7-26

- A. The Request: vs. 7-9 [From these verses I learn that Jesus . . . _____.]
 - 1) What does Jesus ask of the woman?
 - 2) Why is this unusual?
 - 3) How does the woman view Jesus at this point in their conversation?
- B. The Suggestion: vs. 10-12 [From these verses I learn that Jesus . . . _____.]
 - 1) What does Jesus statement suggest to the woman?
 - 2) How does she understand Jesus' statement?
 - 3) Although Jesus doesn't answer her question, what is the right answer?
- C. The Offer: vs. 13-15 [From these verses I learn that Jesus . . . _____.]
 - 1) What will happen to the person who drinks the water Jesus offers?
 - 2) How does the woman understand Jesus' offer?
 - 3) What does it mean to drink the water Jesus is offering? (see John 7:37-39)
- D. The Exposure: vs. 16-19 [From these verses I learn that Jesus . . . _____.]
 - 1) How does Jesus respond to the woman's request for the water Jesus offers?
 - 2) What does the woman's answer reveal about her past and the nature of sin?
 - 3) What conclusion does the woman make about Jesus' identity? Why?
- E. The Controversy: vs. 20-22 [From these verses I learn that Jesus . . . _____.]
 - 1) What theological question does the woman bring up at this point? (Deut. 12:5)
 - 2) Who was right: The Jews or the Samaritans?
 - 3) Why has that question become a moot point now?
- F. The Revelation: vs. 23-26 [From these verses I learn that Jesus . . . _____.]
 - 1) What kind of people is God looking for to be worshipers of Him?
 - 2) Why is JESUS essential for genuine worship? (see John 14:6)
 - 3) What does the woman discover about the identity of Jesus?