

**John 3:22–25 (NIV)** <sup>22</sup>After this, Jesus and his disciples went out into the Judean countryside, where he spent some time with them, and baptized. <sup>23</sup>Now John also was baptizing at Aenon near Salim, because there was plenty of water, and people were coming and being baptized. <sup>24</sup>(This was before John was put in prison.) <sup>25</sup>An **argument** developed between some of John’s disciples and a certain Jew over the matter of ceremonial washing.

**John 3:26 (NLT)** So John’s disciples came to him and said, “Rabbi, the man you met on the other side of the Jordan River, the one you identified as the Messiah, is also baptizing people. And everybody is going to him instead of coming to us.”

[John’s mission in life was to glorify Jesus and not himself.](#)

**John 3:27–30 (NLT)** <sup>27</sup>John replied, “No one can receive anything unless God gives it from heaven. <sup>28</sup>You yourselves know how plainly I told you, ‘I am not the Messiah. I am only here to prepare the way for him.’ <sup>29</sup>It is the bridegroom who marries the bride, and the bridegroom’s friend is simply glad to stand with him and hear his vows. Therefore, I am filled with joy at his success. <sup>30</sup>He must become greater and greater, and I must become less and less.

**John 3:29 (NLT)** It is the bridegroom who marries the bride, and the bridegroom’s friend is simply glad to stand with him and hear his vows. Therefore, I am filled with joy at his success.

~

~

~

~

~

**John 4:5-26 (NKJV)** <sup>5</sup> So He came to a city of Samaria which is called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. <sup>6</sup> Now Jacob's well was there. Jesus therefore, being wearied from *His* journey, sat thus by the well. It was about the sixth hour. <sup>7</sup> A woman of Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give Me a drink." <sup>8</sup> For His disciples had gone away into the city to buy food. <sup>9</sup> Then the woman of Samaria said to Him, "How is it that You, being a Jew, ask a drink from me, a Samaritan woman?" For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans. <sup>10</sup> Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is who says to you, 'Give Me a drink,' you would have asked Him, and He would have given you living water." <sup>11</sup> The woman said to Him, "Sir, You have nothing to draw with, and the well is deep. Where then do You get that living water? <sup>12</sup> Are You greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well, and drank from it himself, as well as his sons and his livestock?" <sup>13</sup> Jesus answered and said to her, "Whoever drinks of this water will thirst again, <sup>14</sup> but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst. But the water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life." <sup>15</sup> The woman said to Him, "Sir, give me this water, that I may not thirst, nor come here to draw." <sup>16</sup> Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here." <sup>17</sup> The woman answered and said, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You have well said, 'I have no husband,' <sup>18</sup> for you have had five husbands, and the one whom you now have is not your husband; in that you spoke truly." <sup>19</sup> The woman said to Him, "Sir, I perceive that You are a prophet. <sup>20</sup> Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, and you Jews say that in Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship." <sup>21</sup> Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe Me, the hour is coming when you will neither on this mountain, nor in Jerusalem, worship the Father. <sup>22</sup> You worship what you do not know; we know what we worship, for salvation is of the Jews. <sup>23</sup> But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. <sup>24</sup> God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth." <sup>25</sup> The woman said to Him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When He comes, He will tell us all things." <sup>26</sup> Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am He."

~

~

**John 4:19-20 (NKJV)** <sup>19</sup> The woman said to Him, "Sir, I perceive that You are a prophet. <sup>20</sup> Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, and you *Jews* say that in Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship."

**John 4:21-24 (NKJV)** <sup>21</sup> Jesus said to her, "*Woman, believe Me, the hour is coming when you will neither on this mountain, nor in Jerusalem, worship the Father.* <sup>22</sup> *You worship what you do not know; we know what we worship, for salvation is of the Jews.* <sup>23</sup> *But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him.* <sup>24</sup> *God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.*"

### Worship is not a place

**John 4:23 (NKJV)** But the hour is coming, and now is, when the **true** worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him.

**Isaiah 29:13 (NIV)** The Lord says: "These people come near to me with their mouth and honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. Their worship of me is made up only of rules taught by men.

**Matthew 15:1-9 (NKJV)** <sup>1</sup> Then the scribes and Pharisees who were from Jerusalem came to Jesus, saying, <sup>2</sup> "Why do Your disciples transgress the tradition of the elders? For they do not wash their hands when they eat bread." <sup>3</sup> He answered and said to them, "*Why do you also transgress the commandment of God because of your tradition? <sup>4</sup> For God commanded, saying, 'Honor your father and your mother'; and, 'He who curses father or mother, let him be put to death.'* <sup>5</sup> But you say, 'Whoever says to his father or mother, "Whatever profit you might have received from me *is a gift to God*"-- <sup>6</sup> then he need not honor his father or mother.' Thus you have made the commandment of God of no effect by your tradition. <sup>7</sup> Hypocrites! Well did Isaiah prophesy about you, saying: <sup>8</sup> '*These people draw near to Me with their mouth, And honor Me with their lips, But their heart is far from Me.* <sup>9</sup> *And in vain they worship Me, Teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.'*"

**Matthew 15:1-2 (NKJV)** "Why do Your disciples transgress the tradition of the *elders*? For they do not wash their hands when they eat bread." <sup>3</sup> He answered and said to them, "Why do you also transgress the commandment of **God** because of your tradition?"

In vain they worship me!

"We praise God for what He has done for us; we worship Him for who He is."