

WHAT COULD I GIVE GOD FOR CHRISTMAS?

A Waterpot
John 4:25-30

Introduction:

1. The Samaritan Woman's Confidence (John 4:25)

A) She is confident that God is going to send someone who will speak with His authority

> This is a wonderful presupposition – that God is and that He has communicated / will communicate to us

> I know that Messiah is coming

How does she know this? God has revealed it in His Word.

> Who is she referring to?

B) When HE comes HE will tell us all things

> This woman, impressed as she is by Jesus, is looking for the final authoritative voice of God

2. Jesus' Confession (John 4:26)

A) The sentence structure in the original language is insightful

> In the Septuagint – the Greek translation of the Old Testament Hebrew, this phrase “I Am” is very significant (Exodus 3:5-6, 13-14)

> This religious Samaritan woman recognized the Books of the Law as Scripture

B) The “I Am” statements in John

> Found seven times in John's gospel (John 4:26; 6:20; 8:24, 28, 58; 13:19; 18:5)

> Found seven times coupled with a noun (John 6:35; 8:12; 10:7; 10:11; 11:25; 14:6; 15:1)

C) This woman doesn't need to wait any longer for the authoritative voice of God

> Jesus is the One who speaks for God because He is God (John 20:31)

3. The Disciple's Confusion (John 4:27)

A) John, the storyteller, now begins to weave Jesus' disciples back into this unfolding story (John 4:8)

> Jesus has lessons to teach them about what has happened / is happening (John 4:34-38)

B) The disciples are amazed by why what they see their Rabbi doing, but don't ask Him any questions

> Possibly because when they arrive the woman is still present

> Possibly because they cannot fathom why Jesus would speak to such a woman

4. The Samaritan Woman's Conversion (John 4:28-29)

A) Define conversion

> Two sided coin – repentance and faith

Repentance – recognizing our sinful rebellion away from God we turn back toward Him

Faith – believing in Jesus Christ and His provision for salvation

> Conversion is the process whereby we who were born in sin “in Adam” are born again in righteousness “in Jesus Christ.”

> Distinguish conversion from some of our modern descriptions

B) The evidence of the Samaritan woman's conversion

> She left her waterpot

As a gift for Jesus who began this story with a request? (John 4:7-9)

As a sign that a deeper thirst had been satisfied with Living Water? (John 4:13-14)

> She went to the city and called the men to come see a man

APPLICATION:

What is your attitude toward God's Word?

Have you ever been converted?