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Hello world, this is Expose 247 and we welcome you again to another Word of liberation. Even today as the law of Moses is being read we see that veil is covered the faces of the people but as soon as they turn to the Lord, the veil is removed.

So today we ask you that you turn to the Lord so that the veil will be removed today because where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. So welcome to liberty today as we continue on this conversation with the woman of Samaria in John Chapter 4. I think this is the 20th episode, so in case you don't know what we've been talking about, we've shared a lots. That is like 20 hours of teaching and conversation on this discuss with this woman.

So you go to our page, Expose 247 on Facebook and Youtube and go to Bucket Ministry Series, the website newnation.org so you can go back and refresh in case you will be listening to some of these. And if you are just joining us, we have work cut out for you. So you have 20 hours of teaching to go through.

So today we want to kick off from where we stopped last time we were here. So that will be...

Now viewers all over the world, welcome again to this Bucket Ministry Series.

Now I assumed you know, if you've been on our previous episodes, you will notice that we have a mandate, a mission there is a vision that God has placed in our heart. And it is not that we just know the gospel theoretically or mentally speaking, but that we will draw by the grace of God, the implication of the gospel for our lives now in the New Covenant in Christ Jesus.

And we've been using the life or the discuss of the woman of Samaria that she had with Jesus and looking at this, we've been taking note that this discuss, this experience or this discussion between Jesus and the Samaritans woman represent a classical presentation of the gospel. Even though it was something that happened before Jesus went to the cross, but we can glean by the Holy Ghost to find out that the power of the gospel, the implication of the gospel are locked up in almost every single verse and statement. And that is what we've been doing on Bucket Ministry Series, right from the first Chapter up to the 20th episode if I may say.

Follow us quickly from where we stopped in John Chapter 4 verse 10. That was the last verse where we stopped.

The Lord has not released us from verse 10 of John Chapter 4. I think this is the fourth episode on verse 10 of the fourth Chapter of the book of John.

Can you read please?

I think you read all of 10 because we want to make connection by the grace of God.

John 4

10. Jesus answered and said unto her, if thou knowest the gift of God and who he it is that said to thee, give me to drink. Thou wouldest have asked of him and he would have given thee living water.

Now verse 10 itself present to us an opportunity to have an inroad into what Jesus himself calls the gospel.

You know today people talk about the gospel of the Lord Jesus. In fact, in some quarters when you say gospel, they will always end up thinking you are talking about Mathew, Mark, Luke and John. I think the translators of the Bible have actually helped in that confusion, they will say the gospel and the epistles.

Well, that is true to some extent in the fact that maybe the reason why they title Matthew, Mark, Luke and John as the gospel was because they represented Jesus ministry in the flesh. That is why they say that. But really, that could be a bit confusing and misleading because we notice that even in the epistles the gospel was still being emphasized. In Galatians the Apostle Paul said to the Galatians church, you are so removed from the gospel of grace to another gospel. So the gospel are all over the pages of the epistles as well.

So please when we say the gospel we are not talking about Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. We are talking about the essence of Jesus's life, the essence of why he came, the essence of the ministry of Christ for you as a believer, for those who have not yet come into the fold.

So what we are saying is, this verse 10 begins to portray to us what Jesus calls the gospel.

Now look at what he said.

He said to the woman in that verse 10, **if you know the gift of God and he that said to you, some translation said who that said to you.**

Now some translations said who that said to you. Then he began to present himself as a person and say woman, you need to meet me.

Can you see?

He said he that said to you.

Can you see?

So he told her you need to know the gift of God. That is correct, we've talked about that in the past. But you need to know he. You need to know me. You need to meet me.

Jesus is saying woman! I have not just come to present principles or concept or ideologies of how to live life because it could be possible that Jesus is saying, woman you know what? I could give you tenets or principles or codes by which life could be lived to the fullest. I could do that, Jesus could do that but Jesus is saying I want you to know the gift of God, but I also want you to meet me. You need to know who or he that says to you, give me to drink and you would have asked him.

Now again, it would seem that Jesus is presenting and representing his person to this woman. And this is what makes Jesus completely different from any form of human religion, any form of human ways of life or human codes or ethics of living. Jesus cannot be put into that box. I will tell you the reason.

If you are a student of history, or you are somebody who is very familiar with the way things are in this world, you are familiar with people's ways of life, religion, if you go to the Middle East, you go to Asia, you go to Japan, you go to South America. Virtually almost every culture have some form of predominant religion that you can found in those places. Unless with the exception of countries who claim atheism who don't believe in any God. With those exception, am talking about most of major cultures in the world.

Well, again if you've been following our previous episodes, you will know that it is a joke if somebody says they worship nothing. It is a joke because everybody deserves or derive their meaning from something. It might not be Jesus, it might not be Buddha, it might not be some form of codes or ethics of living that you subscribe to, but may I say to you? You subscribe to something that gives your life a sense of worth and value, that is what you worship because Jesus told us in the temptation with the devil, he made us understand that only the Lord your God will you worship, and only him you will serve.

How do you know what you worship? Look at what you are servicing. Look at what you are following after. With that conclusion, let's put that aside but let simply say in most religions of the world, there is a basic concept. There is always Grand master, there is one leader of that religion who tells them if you do this, if you do that, if you follow this principles you will make it or they could say if you stick to this kind of rules or regulations am going to give you. If you pray in this way, if you talk this way, if you avail good in this way, you will be able to have peace for your life because some who

don't even believe in the afterlife they talk about how you can achieve peace and tranquility in your soul.

You see that in the Western world. They tell you these are things you do, these are the way you should meditate, these are the things to think about. Today we have lots of meditation and lots of all these things they talk about. If you want to achieve soul inner contentment, this is what you do.

All of them have one thing in common. All they say is, this is what you do, that is the principle. Am not the person, just do the things, and am just here to show you the way of how to achieve what you want to achieve. This is what most religions virtually almost every religions talk about.

But Jesus told this woman, I have not come to ask you to meet some set of principles so you can break free from what has held you bound all these years. I'm asking you to meet me.

He said if you know the gift of God and if you know him that said to you give me to drink. You would have asked him.

Jesus has not come to show the way. He has not come to say this is how to live life or this is how to go to heaven. Some people have tried to reduce Jesus to that level. It is a shame. That is not the gospel. A true gospel of the Lord Jesus will present people to Jesus as a person.

He said meet me. Have you met me? He said if you know him that said to you, you will ask him.

This is what Jesus begins to present to us, that the gospel is not just Jesus showing us the way, but the gospel is Jesus presenting himself as the way.

Can you see that?

John 14:6 says I am the way. I am the truth and I am the life.

I have not come to show you the way. Jesus did not come to show us the way please. He didn't come to give us principles of how to break free from world system. He has come to say, you need to meet me that said to you.

And that is what we found that, that every gospel that does not represent Jesus to people but that portrays a Jesus who just give people the things to do or principles to follow is not the very core of gospel presentation.

So John 4: 10 gives us the picture of what Jesus portrays as the gospel- present him to that woman and present him to the world as a person. That is what we see there. And that is what we need to understand today.

And then before we begin to continue today, I want you to understand one thing. If you go back to Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, you will probably see one thing for sure that people have always try to customize Jesus or bring Jesus into a particular mode and not into the mode of John 4:10 which is what Jesus wanted to portray as the gospel.

For example, look at the Sadducees and the Pharisees and all the teachers of the law, in John Chapter 3, we notice Nicodemus came to Jesus, he said we know that you are a teacher coming from God, and we know nobody does the things that you do except God be with him.

He said Jesus we know that you have lots of great teachings. You teach a lot. You have great things. You have insights and that is what the Pharisees have reduced Jesus into. And it is not a surprise that today in our generation, we have people who have reduced Jesus and the gospel of the Lord Jesus into getting set of principles to living life from Christ himself.

We could see people going right into the Bible and begin to talk success principles. Is it wrong to bring success principles from the Bible? It's not wrong! Its not! Because why? If you look at Jesus, if you follow Jesus, you will get insight for living. That is true. But is that the way he said the gospel should be presented? No!

He said the very core of the gospel should be presenting himself to people. We've got to know who Jesus is, that he is the core of the gospel. He didn't tell the woman, if you know the gifts of God that I am going to give you. He said if you know the gift of God and him that said to you.

And some people have reduced the gospel today or the gospel of our Lord Jesus to understanding organizational structure. If you want to learn about organizational structure, trust me If you read the Bible you will see how Jesus structure, how Jesus had inner circle of disciples, how Jesus mentored the disciples and how he was able to push them out into the world to affect the generation.

Yes! You can learn these things from the scriptures and from the life of Jesus. But is that the core of the gospel? No!

John 4:10 says you need to know the gift of God and he that said to you.

Some people look at the scriptures today and look at Jesus and all they want to learn from Christ is one thing or the other. Some want to even learn how to live their life. They want to learn how to be great in life. If you want to be great in life, you can learn from Jesus why? He told the disciples if anyone will be great among you, I will show you what to do. Learn to serve.

And may I say to you, great corporations and great business have become successful, some of them by learning some of the very basic teachings of Christ. Is that the core of the gospel? No! Because he says you need to know the gift of God and he that said to you.

So what we are talking about is this, real gospel, true gospel will be an unveiling of who is Jesus to humanity. That is the very core of the gospel not Jesus's teaching, not Jesus' ideologies alone, not Jesus's expression, not Jesus's mentalities, even though those things are good, but that is not the core of the gospel.

So Jesus began to speak to the woman in John 4:10 and say focus on me that said to you, look at me and this is the very basics of the gospel. That is what we see there.

You want to say one or two things?

No!

Now, let's go back to that John 4:10.

Now, Jesus began to say if you know him that said to you...

Now if I ask you a question, do you know me? or if somebody ask you a question, do you know who they are? and they ask you to talk about them.

I presume there are so many things that we are made up of. We are multidimensional. We are multifaceted. There are could be so many things that you could talk about people. There could be so many things that you can say about them in terms of what they do, or what they've being doing or what they carried out over the years, if you know them very well. Atimes you might be at loss to really say how does this person want me to identify that?

Am not sure where you've been in a situation where you have to talk about somebody at a program or they say come and introduce the speaker or come and talk about somebody, atimes we might get a loss for words maybe the person is somebody of many parts and you are wondering what will I say about them? because they are people of many parts. That is a bit of confusion, isn't it?

If you want to present somebody to people, you are thinking what is the most important thing about them if you have 1 or 2 mins to make that presentation? You are thinking how do I summarize this person, down to the very core of who they really are.

Now, in the case of Jesus, Jesus decided to present the gospel to this woman and Jesus did not want this woman to get things mix up. Jesus narrow down his identification to the very core of who he is. There are times we try to identify people by what they do. People

can do so many things, but they might be just focusing their life identity might be tie to one major thing even they might be doing some other thing.

See what Jesus Christ said in John 4. Watch this! He says if you know the gift of God and who it is that said to thee.

Now, what do I want you to know about me? What do I want you to identify about me? I have done miracles, I have raised the dead. I've opened the eyes of the blind. I've multiplied five bread and two fishes. I have made the poor to hear the good news. I have done great and marvelous things, but this is what I want you to know of me. This is the core. This is my mission. This is my purpose. This is the summary of who I am. This is the Jesus I want you to meet.

Can you see?

This is the savior I want you to meet.

And the problem in our generation today is, we have lots of presentation and representation of Christ that does not go down to the nitty-gritty of the person of Jesus Christ. But Jesus told this woman, this is the core, this is the Jesus I want you to meet.

He said which Jesus? The one that said to you give me to drink. The one that said he will take the waters, the life, the nature of sin and death, the one that you have, the one that I said give me, the one that will go to the cross, the one that will bear your pain, the one that will bear the curse of sin and death upon you woman of Samaria. The one that will take the consequences of your evil nature, the one that will go and pay the price of separation, the price of being ostracize, the price of being separated, the price of being thirsty, he that will pay the price on your behalf. That is the Jesus I want you to meet. This is very important.

That is the core of why I came and that is why Jesus said in the place in the gospels, he said Father, let this cup pass over me. But he said not as I will, but your will be done. And by the time he said this is the reason why I came. This is the whole point of why I came to drink this cup.

Jesus is saying to this woman, even though I'm asking you to meet me but I want to tell you the core of what I am about. This is the purpose of my showing up in the flesh upon the face of the earth.

I've done so many things. I have taught so many great lessons of leadership. I've taught great lessons of multiplication. I've even multiplied bread, I multiplied fish. I've actually walk on water. I've actually calm the storm. I've actually opened the eyes of the blind. I've actually raised the dead. I've done great things. I even taught in the temple and I broke the Word of God, I gave insight into the scriptures in Luke Chapter 4 and the eyes

of many were fastened on me when I teach people know a teacher is teaching. I've done great things.

But woman the Jesus I want you to meet, the one I want you to be presented to, is the one that will eventually go to the cross and pay the price of death. That is the very core of the gospel. That is the Jesus I want you to meet.

So he said, the one that say to you give me to drink. This is the one I want you to relive. This is the one I want you to keep focusing on. This is the very Jesus I want you to meet.

And may I say to you? The very essence of the gospel, the very core of the gospel, the Jesus that was supposed to continually meet in the gospel is the one that said give me to drink, even though he said so many things. Even though he did so many things, but this is the core, this is how he want us to live him.

And would that makes sense then when the Apostle Paul said in the epistles, he told the Corinthians brethren he said when I came among you, I wanted to know nothing except the Jesus who was crucified. The one that said give me to drink. The one that went to the cross and became cursed because of sin and death. The one that took everything that we deserved and he took it upon himself. That is the Jesus Paul said I want to continually talk to you about Corinthians Church.

So we see Jesus in John 4: 10 says woman! I want you to continually meet this Christ, the one that said to you, give me to drink. It means Jesus must always be presented majorly in his death as one.

Now look at the next thing. See what he says next...

And you would have asked him and he would have given you living water

If you listen to our past episodes, we made it clear in the past episodes, we said the living waters in John Chapter 7 where Jesus said on the last great day of the feast, he made a loud shout and said if anybody believes on me as the scriptures has said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.

And the Bible says the living water he was talking about was the Spirit that he would give to them that believed, but the Spirit had not yet been given because Jesus had not yet been glorified.

So we know the living waters he was talking about in John Chapter 4: 10 is talking about the Spirit of Christ that he was going to release unto us.

And may I say to you that the Spirit of Christ is Christ himself because the Bible says in Romans if anybody does not have the Spirit of Christ, they don't belong to Christ. In the

epistles, he says Christ in you the hope of glory. The Spirit of Christ is Christ in person within us.

Now, Jesus is saying to this woman to meet him in two dimensions. He said meet him that said to you give me to drink. Also meet him that said to you, I will give you living waters. And Jesus is simply saying, you can never meet me in my reality unless you know me both in my death and in my resurrection.

When the church, the body of Christ in our days in 21st century try to emphasize and place focus on a Jesus who doesn't come in between these two folds, we are not presenting the very true picture of Christ.

Now to make this more serious to you, let me make it this way.

On the road to Emmaus, those two disciples who were going to... we might want to read it.

Luke 24

27. And beginning at Moses and all the prophets and he expounded unto them all the scriptures and the things concerning himself

These two men met Jesus and Jesus accosted them on the way to Emmaus and Jesus began to explain the things about himself.

If you look at verse 25, what does it says?

25. And he said unto them, oh fools and slow of heart to believe.

I know that is one thing people don't like to hear these days, when the Apostle Paul said in Galatians O foolish Galatians, who has bewitched you in God's kingdom, atimes such words are warranted to wake people out of their slumber. He said O fools, why are you thinking like this?

Continue please

ought not Christ to have suffered these things and to enter into his glory.

Now please put that unto the one that said give me to drink.

Continue please

26. ought not Christ to have suffered these things

Give me to drink

and to enter his glory.

And I will give you living waters. Because John 7 says the water will not be given unless Christ is glorified.

So he sandwich himself between his death and his resurrection. He's saying can't you see that is what present who Christ is?

Go on please

27. And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them all the scriptures the things concerning himself.

Now have you noticed that Jesus is now presenting himself to his disciples? Is it not amazing that these are disciples and Jesus said you are slow of heart and you are foolish in that you can't even see me, and he began to show them things concerning himself.

Watch that!

Does that sound similar to John 4: 10 when Jesus was presenting himself to the woman of Samaria?

Go on please,

28. And they drew nigh unto the village whither they went, and he made as though he would have gone further...

Now, did they recognize who he was?

No!

Now, this is a bit of an issue now. Because as we continue you will notice... maybe you can read and let's see maybe these people have never met Jesus before, it could be.

They don't know who this is anyway. They were having discussion with somebody who was a stranger to them.

Go on please

but they constrain him saying, abide with us for it is toward evening and the day is far spent. And he went to tarry with them. And it came to pass, as he sat at meat with them, he took bread and bless it and break and gave to them. And their eyes were opened and they knew him, and he vanished out of their sight.

Does that not a bit sounds contradictory? I thought they met him in previous verses? They were talking with him but they did not know him, even though they were discussing with him.

Please at what points did they know him? What happened?

Yes, again if you look at Luke Chapter 24 verse 13, we see that

13. Then arose Peter around the sepulcher and stood down behind the lining cloth laid by itself and wondering what has come to pass

14. And behold those two of them went that same day

Those two were part of them. That established that they knew him before. They were the companies of Peter, because they came from the company of disciples. Two of them went that same day.

Thank you very much for pointing that to our attention.

So these people had been with Jesus. They've been with Jesus. They've stayed around Jesus or they did not know him when they saw him. And they were walking with him, they were talking with him after he resurrected but they did not know it was him.

What was he doing? He was then making a presentation of himself to them. But he was careful when he was making the presentation of himself to them, he was talking about his sufferings and his glory, his death and his resurrection.

Now, Jesus limited all his explanations... You want to say to me is everything about Christ his death and resurrection, is that all about his ministry?

No! Jesus ministry for 3 ½ years was massive. The effect of that ministry was so great that John in the last Chapter said if everything that Jesus did and said was to be documented. He put an hyperbole and said not even all the books of the world will be enough to document the things Jesus said and did.

So Jesus could have so many things he could have pointed to show them himself. And he could have told them, hey! have you forgotten that it was me that actually multiplied the five loaves and two fishes? Or have you forgotten it was me that walked on the water? I was the one that told Peter to come if he believes. You've forgotten me, I raised the son of the widow of Nain. Have you forgotten me?

Jesus had so many things he could have come up with to present himself to them. But Jesus limited them to only two options. He talks about the suffering of his death, give me to drink and he talked about his glory that is I will give you living waters.

And Jesus was presenting himself to them so they can know him and the Bible tells us, that their eyes were not opened to know who Christ really is, until they broke the bread.

Let me say this to you clearly, if you are listening to this. You cannot know or meet the real Jesus unless you meet him between, understanding and living within the revelation of his death and resurrection. Every presentation of the gospel that begins to place emphasis on Jesus, his life and his ministry without representing his death and resurrection in a

consistent basis will not make you know the real Jesus. You will walk with him, you will be discussing with him on the way, you will be in his environment. You can be talking about him but you cannot know him.

He told the woman in John 4: 10, if you know the gift of God and him that said to you give me to drink, you would have asked him to give you living waters. Jesus as a person is in between his death and his resurrection. This is the core of his life. This is why he came. This is the purpose of why he showed up on the scene. And he must be known in that realm. He must be known that he is the one that became sin for us. He is the one that took the fall for us. He is the one that paid the price for us. He is the one that dies as us on the cross. He must be known by his sufferings on the cross for our sakes and he must also be known by the glory of his resurrection.

Jesus said this is where my unveiling lies, it doesn't lie outside those two steps. If Jesus is being reduced to a teacher only, if he is being reduced to somebody that does might miracles only, if he is being reduced you can learn principles and concept for life only from, you might be like this people who has been hanging around him, walking on the road to Emmaus but not knowing who Jesus really is. This is the core of his person in his death and his resurrection. That is what we see there.

So let's go back to John 4: 10

He answered and said you can only know me in those two realms. His death and resurrection.

I want us to read something in Matthew.

What we are simply saying is, knowing Jesus is knowing him in his death, his suffering and knowing him in his glory, his resurrection. Knowing the person of Christ.

Now, if you don't know him in that realm, you will know him after the flesh. You will know him for who he really is. You will know him by the things that he did in his ministry. You might not know him for who he really is until the bread is broken.

You know the reason why he broke the bread, we know in the epistles the Apostle Paul said on the day that Jesus was crucified, he said this is my body that was broken for you. Until the bread was broken, they did not identify who Christ really is.

Let's go to Matthew 16 from verse 14.

Matthew 16

13. When Jesus came into the coast of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples saying who do men say that I the Son of man am?

Please take note of that question. He asked them a question who do men say I am? I'm not sure if you've read this before or you've heard this particular discuss between Jesus and his disciples before.

And I think one question that anyone should ask if you think about this critically is, why are you asking them the question about identifying who you are? Why would you ask them that question?

Jesus knew unless men know who he really is they would not encounter the power in the gospel. Watch this!

Because the reality of the gospel is in encountering Jesus. And just because you hang around Jesus or because you mention the name of Jesus doesn't mean you are encountering who Jesus is. If that was the case, on the road to Emmaus, those two men would have knew that this is Jesus.

So Jesus knew that people have seen him in his ministry. Jesus knew that the disciples have seen him do everything he did. But Jesus wanted to clarify to them not to him, because he knew what was in the heart of all men. He wanted them to think about what they think about him. This is the core of the gospel. He says who do men say I am?

Now watch what they said

14. And they said, some say thou art John the Baptist

Some said this is the summary of who you are. This is what we think you are. And then, I know some of us today are not saying you are John the Baptist. The reason why they called him John the Baptist is because they saw some things that parallel between the ministry of Jesus and the ministry of John the Baptist.

If you ask me, what are those things? For example the birth of John the Baptist was prophesized by an angel and also Jesus's birth was prophesied by an angel. You see that?

And also you will notice between Jesus and John the Baptist, just the way John the Baptist rebuked those religious hypocrites, the Pharisees and the Sadducees. He rebuked them and called them to repentance. And Jesus also came and said repent for the kingdom of God is at hand. So you see parallels.

And they say if Jesus is actually rebuking the Pharisees and the Sadducees just like John the Baptist was doing, and if Jesus birth was prophesied by an angel- divine birth, even though John the Baptist birth was not by a virgin, but they saw parallels in what Jesus was doing and in what John the Baptist did. And they came to a conclusion, this is John the Baptist. This is the ministry of John the Baptist.

Now, did Jesus do things similar to John the Baptist? Oh! Yes he did. But you see John the Baptist, No! he is not.

It means these people must have been seeing Jesus probably for few years and this is the conclusion they came to, and they came to that conclusion because of what they saw he did.

Now, please I want you to think about your life being the body of Christ. In what way have you come to meet Jesus? Have you met the real Jesus? or are you worshipping or walking with a Jesus that you have defined by the things he did in the gospel?

Have you met the real Jesus? That is the question. Or have you began to identify Jesus just by the things he did in the gospel. Or have you began to identify Jesus by the fact that you saw the things that he did and said these are things I can connect with. This is the Jesus I know.

But Jesus is querying and asking the question, is that really who I am? Is that the summation? Is that the core of my person? Though they say he was John the Baptist that is what some people said.

Now go on please,

Some Elijah

Well, some said Elijah.

Of course, there is a good reason why some thought he was Elijah. Think about this, Malachi prophesied the coming of Elijah. Elijah was prophesied by Malachi. So Old Testament prophet prophesied the coming of Elijah, again Jesus was also prophesied to be coming as a Messiah.

So when they saw Jesus say well, if Elijah was prophesied to come in the last days, and Jesus the Messiah was also prophesied, could this be Elijah?

And you see Elijah as well, he challenged the god of Baal. He challenged the false prophets. And we see Jesus rebuking the false priest, and rebuking people that are engaging in false religion of his days. This is what Elijah did in his ministry. Elijah was a man that was always at the onslaught against false religion in his days, Jezebel spirit - the spirit of witchcraft, false religion presenting himself as God.

Elijah was about dismantling these things, but we see Jesus who showed up not just preaching alone but also going after false religion, he was smashing down. He went into the temple. He threw everything out. That is characteristics of Elijah.

Jesus did things that were very similar or parallel to what Elijah did in his ministries. And these people said that is the Jesus we are meeting.

So every time they saw Jesus, they will say oh! Yes that is just Elijah's ministry. May I say this to you? They did not meet the real Jesus. People hanging around Jesus but don't know who he really is because they were defining Jesus by the very things he was doing. But Jesus did so many things, Jesus performed so many things in the gospel but not all these things define the core of his person.

Jesus is inviting humanity to meet him in his death and his resurrection, to know who he really is. If not we will not identify who he is. What we will end up doing is identifying Jesus in the flesh and that is not the reality of who he is.

What is the next thing please?

And others Jeremiah or one of the Prophets.

Some say Jeremiah. I understand why they will say Jeremiah because Jeremiah is the weeping prophet.

If you notice Jeremiah also had a prophesy before his birth. He was prophesied before his birth. Jesus also did the same. And Jeremiah received the Word of the Lord even in the womb, same thing with Jesus.

Also Jeremiah wept over Jerusalem. Can you see? That is why he wrote the book of Lamentation, we saw Jesus weep over Jerusalem. People saw the kind of acts, the weeping prophet. John 11: 35, Jesus wept. They saw the weeping, the man of sorrows.

In fact, may I say this to you, if you go and read the book of Jeremiah and the Lamentation of Jeremiah. Jeremiah was a combination of a man of sorrow, always weeping and lamenting.

Jesus ministry was actually a portrayal of this. We saw him weep at the grave of Lazarus and we saw him become sorrowful. Can you see?

We see the rich young ruler, Jesus would look at him, he loved him. And he felt this compassion.

See! the Bible talks about Jesus, he looked at the multitude and he had compassion on them. This was characteristics of Jeremiah. You couldn't find this with Isaiah. You couldn't find this probably with Elijah. Elijah is not the kind of man of sorrow. No! But this is a man of sorrow, Jeremiah.

So they came to a conclusion, if we saw Jesus doing things like this, this must have been the person that he is.

Some people say you are Jeremiah. Were they wrong? Well, they identified by the very things he was doing.

And may I say this? We have ministries that are built today, organizations that are built today who have decided to tabernacle with taking pieces of what Jesus did and said in the scriptures and say well, this teaching of Christ, this thing about Christ ministry, and we can learn this from Christ and they build whole structure around the things that Jesus said and did in his ministry.

But all these things are still outside the peripheral of his death and resurrection, which is where he said that is where you can find me. You can't find me anywhere. You might find me in things I did outside those realms, you might find things I said outside those realms. But if you want to know me, you will know me by the breaking of the bread in the death and resurrection.

That is why we have so many Christians walking with Jesus like on the road to Emmaus, talking, being there for years but their eyes are not yet opened to have the revelation of who Christ really is, because knowing and coming to know him is only within those two stages of his death and resurrection.

So in John 4: 10, he told the woman, you need to meet him that said to you give me to drink and ask him to give you living water. That is where you can find him. You can't find him outside there. That is where he is. He is telling the Woman! that is where I will be if you want to find me. Find me in the asking of water and the giving of water in my death, in my resurrection, that is where I am sandwiched. That is where you can find me.

You cannot find me outside. You might see things I did outside, you might come to know me as a great leader. You might come to know me as somebody with great principles. But if you want to know me, find me in my death and resurrection. That is what we see there.

So we see these people identifying Jesus by things that are correct but yet they missed the point of who Christ really is.

You want to say one or two things?

I think today the church, the body of Christ need to come out of all these identifiers. And the true labels are not the central that Christ will want to be known for because we need to correct ourselves when we meet a great man, we meet a man of history and they asked him to introduce himself, among so many things he had done all his life time achievement, when he had one minute or two. We really need to pay attention to that one minute or two. That is the summary of his own life.

No matter what we hear, he could have written something about him. And so we need to pay attention to what he is throwing out. And that is why we need to come off from all these good labels, because some have personally seen the Lord only as a provider in which he is. He is a teacher. He is all these things to so many people. Just like we saw Elijah in Jesus, we saw Jeremiah in Jesus but there is a way he wants to be known.

There is a way he want to be known and that is very important for us so that we will not be obstinate and say No! No! I like this part of you. And I am just going to see you that particular way. No! You want to see me in this light.

And that is what he is getting across to us today that we see in the light of his resurrection, that we see him in the light of the one that is giving life giving water. As long as you see him as the one that is making the way, he want you to see him beyond that, beyond the provisions, beyond the healings. He want you to see him beyond the religious activities because some people that is what they see of people. See him beyond the sanctifier, see him as the life giving one.

And so today we need to correct ourselves in the light of this revelation of who Christ is as we turn to the Lord. This veil of wrong identifications and labels are being torn today.

Thank you for that.

Am not sure if you've heard people say we need to have a revelation of Christ, or we need to know Jesus. People give teachings and give titles and say, we want to know Jesus. You know those Greeks? They came and said sir, we will meet Jesus. People want to know Jesus and people want to..

May I say? According to those scriptures, we now know that knowing Jesus is not you going to reading the Bible to see all the things that Christ said and did and you want to familiarize yourselves with the words and the things of Christ.

You might know the things he said and did that way, but if you want to meet the real Jesus, he said go and find me in my death and my resurrection. You will see the core of my being. You will see what I am all about. You will see the very essence of my person. You will meet me. You will encounter me only within my death and resurrection. This is what the revelation of Christ truly means. So is not something ambiguous or big.

If somebody say Oh father, if you have prayed that prayer today, Lord show me yourself. People pray prayer and say Lord reveal yourself to me, when you pray that prayer what you are inadvertently saying is Lord unveil and made clear to me your death and resurrection. That is what you are saying. That is where we will find Christ.

Go on please,

15. He said unto them but who say ye that I am?

What do you say about me?

Go on please

16. And Simon Peter answered and said, thou art the Christ the Son of the living God.

Now watch that! This is very important.

Simon Peter made a statement to say well, I think I know who you are and I want you to know that Simon Peter identified Christ Jesus.

So what Peter simply did was, Peter thought about it, that Elijah labelled was a good label, because he did the things Elijah did. The Jeremiah label was a good label because he did the things Jeremiah did. The John the Baptist label was a good label as we have explained a few minutes ago, because he did the things that John the Baptist did, but that is not who he really is.

Can you see?

He did those things, but that is not the summation of who he is.

So Peter then disregarded all these identifications in the flesh for Jesus and said I know who you really are, I know the essence of your person. I know how you want us to meet you. I know how you want us to know you. I know... what do I know?

I know you are Christ the son of the living God.

Now, who is Christ? The book of Acts tells us, that this is Jesus who you crucified...

Let's go to the book of Acts.

Now, hold on to the Matthew Chapter 16, we are just going to read Acts and we will see what that says...

What did Simon Peter identify about who Jesus really is?

Acts 2

36. Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly...

Let everybody be convinced about this statement

Go on please

That God had made that same Jesus

The Jesus whose ministry was similar to Elijah. The Jesus whose ministry was similar to Jeremiah. The Jesus who was a great teacher. The Jesus that you can learn success principles from. The Jesus that you can learn the principles of this or that from, if you want to make it, if you want to be a great person, you want to be somebody who is breaking forth, you want to be somebody who is successful, you want to be somebody who is this or that. There are so many things you can glean from Jesus. That same Jesus that you saw and knew, he said watch it now! What happened to him?

the one whom you have crucified.

The one that took the waters from you that said give me to drink, that Jesus.

Now, that is the Jesus that you crucified. What happened then?

He has made him both Lord and Christ.

So it means when Simon peter said I know you are the Christ. Simon is saying I know how you want us to know you. I know the very core of your identity. I know you are the one that will be crucified and you are the one that will be resurrected because we saw there in Acts Chapter 2 verse 10, he said he is the one Jesus that is crucified, that God made into Lord and Christ.

So what Peter identified about Jesus was not even something that has happened as at that time. So Peter again is now telling us, I know you that it is in your death and resurrection that I can talk about the reality of your person.

I cannot even talk about you outside those things. Identification of Jesus, knowing who Jesus is, the very essence of the gospel, we must always continually meet the savior that say give me to drink. And the same him that said ask of me, and I will give you living water in his death and resurrection.

So every teaching, every exposition of the scriptures that begins to unfold and unveil to you the implications of the death of Jesus, his crucifixion like Apostle Paul said that I want to know nothing except Jesus and him crucified. Every exposition that emphasizes the death of Jesus, any exposition of the Word of God that emphasizes the resurrection of Jesus is an exposition presenting the reality of who Jesus is.

It means every emphasis, every exposition of teaching that does not emphasize his death and his resurrection can be talking about him but not unveiling him. That is what we see in the Word of God.

You want to say one or two things?

Yes

I am being drawn to this statement of Peter in this Matthew Chapter 16, it is so pertinent that we go back to that, because we know that Peter as one of the disciples is very close to Jesus, he is one of the three, and we know that he has the privilege to have some private dealings.

And we know this kind of people, if we put Peter in our days, we know how we take people that are very close, they had almost like the same authority and power as the personal PA of all these great leaders. We know how important it is. And people can even make a fortune of their personal privilege of what they are into. And people want to know

the great leader, you just need go to be closest to them, the PA, they will get to know much about it.

And some of them pour off to tell us to write a book, tell it all about who they are and because of they have been energized by some personal dealings, privileges of what they have watched him do.

And so we know that from all these scriptures, people can have some unique interactions and we see Jesus interaction with Peter even with his family. So Peter had some knowledge of Jesus. He had experienced Jesus as a provider, he is a net breaking, he know Jesus in some miracles in which some of the disciples came late into that he personally benefited from.

He has seen Jesus come to his house, to settle his domestic infirmities in which his Mother in law... and he has some of these things. And we see people today, they could have been using that...

Peter could have been using those private interactions, the exposition of who Jesus is and be telling this opportunities and say yes, he is a net breaking, fish supplying, you know business boosting God. This is this, he can help you to solve your family problem and the likes.

And we see that Peter was not going to talk this way because we've seen so many people who have elevated the personal intervention of God in their lives. So they elevate some of their dreams, revelations that the Lord has given them and places it above a true revelation of who Christ is when they have the opportunity to speak for him..

And so today we see people who based on what they have seen of God or what the Lord has done personally for them, they have pushed those agenda, they had pushed those revelation above the Word of God by saying yes, I have the dream and I have the commission, I have God's Word that said this to me... and so they elevate that.

We are not saying they are bad, but they elevate that above the true revelation. But we saw that Peter would just discountenance all those things as great as they were. It was so wonderful, we saw the net breaking he was. It was so much for him to handle, he was saying get away from me for I am a sinner. So it was not like it was something light. But yet, he chose to see Jesus as who actually his, he is beyond those.

And that is a test for us today, that no matter all these our personal revelation, intervention in our life, in our finance, the way it is which is very good and greater that we commend the Lord for, and we have the opportunities to speak for him, to show him who he is, that we will go beyond the peripheral, we are going to get and discountenance that in the light of who he actually is.

Thank you for that. God bless you for that insight.

Now, I may want to make a statement to you which we might have to clarify later on based on what you said. Unless we revolved around death and resurrection. It is not the gospel. You've mentioned things Jesus make ways where there is no way. He will multiply five bread and two fishes. But is not the gospel.

This woman of Samaria was in a condition at that time, she was in a situation where she was being a victim of a culture, a victim of men, a victim of the environment, she was subjugated. How do we know that?

In fact she was a woman of shame, because she had to come to the well at 12:00 noon using our own modern day context to read because it is the sixth hour of the day. If such a person will come to a Pastor or somebody a minister of the gospel in our days, they will present something or the gospel because Jesus could have said woman! ha!! Ok! I think you are in a condition where we need to break that mode. Everything that is holding your husband bound, I release the power of God so that somebody can love you for who you really are and speak with you. But Jesus knew it wouldn't be the gospel even though the power of Christ can make it happened.

Jesus power can raise the dead. The power that can multiply five bread and two fishes. Trust me! The power can make husband available for that woman. He could have done great and mighty things which is what he is able to do, but what he did was, he presented the gospel that you will find me in death and resurrection.

Woman! You need to meet him that said to you give me to drink. You need to ask him that is saying to you, I will give you living waters. Meet me there. Find me. Know me. I know your situation. I know you are in a terrible mess at the moment. Maritally speaking, you are the outcast of the culture, I know your condition at the moment, but I will not give you anything other than the gospel.

What we call the gospel today is not the gospel and this is the reason, because we do many things in the name of Christ, we exercise power and grace in the name of Christ, but people are not meeting the real Jesus because the real Jesus is only sandwich in his death and in his resurrection.

That is why we can simply say with all boldness by the Word of God that any time people emphasize all those things, they are not presenting the gospel because the gospel is only the death and the resurrection. I didn't say that. Jesus said that. And I think there are lots of situations that men have found themselves, there are no conditions that people have found themselves, that Jesus did not excuse to give you the core of the gospel.

Like I said the woman was in a terrible situation, but that did not stop Jesus from presenting himself in between the death and resurrection to this woman.

Because of time, we will not be able to go on with this. But let us not forget that Jesus was talking to the disciples, people that know him and asking him about who I am to you? So he is not talking to people outside the fold. Some people might be wondering yes, I know Jesus this message is not for me, is for those people who want to come.

So this is so important for us, for those who have tabernacle with Jesus, those who have been labeled as the disciples, those who have been in ministry, I don't think you can be in ministry like the way Peter was with Jesus. He was in that inner caucus and he was still asking who do you think?

Those two men from that village of Emmaus, they were so closed that they went to the tomb. So is from them that they departed. So they were part of these things. They knew these things, they were even ready to tell Jesus stories about don't you know this and this? And yet we see they do not know Jesus.

So we are calling you today that you will know him, the one that says give me to drink. And I will give you living water. So you will meet the resurrection and life today.

I don't know what you have known of him all these years, you might have those years up your sleeves of what you have talked about him, or have shown him to the world about, today you will sit back and come to know him not as Elijah, and come to know him not as John the Baptist, not to know him as one of the great prophet and miracle worker, that you will see him as the resurrection and the life. That you will see his death in him being crucified.

And so you will be able to say no matter all these testimonies and say okay guys! all these testimonies are good, but I just want to hear Jesus being crucified today. I hope you come to the body and meetings and where we just say oh! We want to hear Jesus crucified. We want to hear him and see that in the testimonies, not only about appointments as good as they are.

I just want to know this...

So till we see you next transmission where we continue,

Are we through with this verse 10?

No! We are going to go back to Matthew 16 because we've not finished with that yet.

So we encourage you to come and join us again, as we do this transmission on this conversation.

So please should you have any questions or comments or any clarification, please just hit our page.

And please do share this around, and we want you to live those truth and begin to live in the knowledge of Christ who is the resurrection and is the life.

So Bye!!