

## **Exposé 247**

### **Bucket Ministry Series 3**

#### **Title: Body Language: John 4**

Hello viewers this is Expose 247, and it is good to be back again. We want to give a rousing welcome to all our fellow pilgrims and joint heirs in this program those who have inherit the common salvation together. We want to say we missed you a lot. And we really do! Don't you think so?

Yes we do!

We missed those people that hit us and fire us with questions left and right and say why do you think this? Why do you say this? I have scriptures that say this or that. We have people that blatantly opposite, they don't really want to open their mind. We both welcome all those, because most of those, they put us on our toes. So we don't feel so much relax. And we like ourselves being challenged like this.

So we do really missed you for those long stretch of time. And so it is good that we are back again and we are so happy that you are joining us again. As you know we just started. We just crack the surface on the new episode, which is the Bucket Ministry. We only had like the first or two episodes about it. So is just like we just started. So I just want to tell you, we are just starting again with the Bucket Ministry.

And so this episode that you don't know what to say about it, but you know if you have listened and you have followed the previous episode on the prodigal Father series and the Church and the first eight episode of Expose 247, you will know that there is something to look up to. We are believing the Lord that with this episode, something is going to pop up into our mind. He is going to challenge our way of thinking and reasoning and theology, even our relational experience with the Lord. I think is the relational episode of the woman at the well.

I will like to say again, we are already having our own John 4 experience ourselves. Just like Jesus needed a time to sit at the well, and so literally we actually sat at the well too. Because we got some questions. People were asking us questions. What is happening to you? We couldn't hear from you anymore. And some of those questions, people even called us to know what is happening to Expose 247.

So we want to use this medium to explain that we had our own John 4 experience too. We need to sit back. We sat on the well. We had different wells in international waters. We are able to do some travelling from Germany, Switzerland, Austria, France, we went to Luxembourg and all sorts travelling round Europe to sit at the well to get refreshed literally so that we can... and then I think we really had like Jesus kind of experience, because we had some great conversation even around food. Jesus was having that around water to satisfy thirst. Remember we met some people in the restaurant, some Jews that were even not hopeful about the messiah again.

Yes, Jewish people.

They were even wondering if some of the prophecies were true. We told them what the scriptures said about the Jews and about the end time event. They were quite amazed even though they were a bit skeptical about some of the things we talked about.

So we had great conversation with different people of different nationalities, just like Jesus was meeting the Samaritans. That was like our John Chapter 4 experience. So we were refreshed physically and so we hope that we've been able to come back here into what we have. We pray that the spiritual refreshment in which the Apostle Peter talked about in Acts Chapter 2 that comes from the Lord, we really want you to partake of that, in which we believed this Expose 247 on this Bucket Ministry will be able to be a good refreshment for our souls. And so that is what we called you to.

And so today we want to say gather your pen, your Bible, your recording materials again as we kick start this the Bucket Ministry again. And if you don't know what this Bucket Ministry is all about. You go to our last two episodes...

Yea, we had out last two episodes where the first one was the introduction and the second was the Roundabout Gospel.

That is something!

If you missed that particular transmission, we encourage you to look for it because we believed there is life and there is power in the Word that you expose yourself to. So please look for that second episode, Roundabout Gospel. It's very important.

Yea, you cannot avoid to drive without even knowing what roundabout is and even get acquitted with.

We talked about the gospel of Jesus that refused to go round about. You know he had to go through Samaria. He didn't had to go round about, because he could have. But

he refused to do that. He had to go through Samaria. So we actually make a lots of application of that in the context of our 21<sup>st</sup> century in regards to the gospel.

So we hope we were able to wet your appetite with that too in the previous two episodes in the introduction to it and the roundabout gospel. And in case you have not even listen to it, you are just joining us, we say this is a very good time to start with Bucket Ministry because we are still introductory.

Yes we are still at the early stage.

I want to believe there is so much meat in that John 4. I know a lot has been written about it. A lot has been said, so many sermons on this John Chapter 4, but I don't want you to close your mind. There is still much more. There is a treasure in it. You know about how deep the scriptures is. We unearth daily and because we had the relationship with the author. So is always an open book. You will always get something.

So you come prepare to hear what the Lord, what the new thing and even things that we need to be reminded. Even it might not be actually the new thing. It might be things we need to be reminded of again in this John Chapter 4.

So we want to say welcome again. Will you just do the onus of sharing it to people you know who had listen to this before, but they don't know that we are back. Please do help us to share it and spread the word around that we are back to Exposé 247 and we are doing the Bucket Ministry. Would you want to welcome them?

Yeah, thank you for that. You've actually said so many things. So we have to hit the ground running by the grace of God today.

Now, if you are with us in the last episode, roundabout gospel. You will notice that we actually stopped at the phrase where it says Jesus had to go through Samaria. We've actually done justice to that by the grace of God. So we are going to continue from that particular verse.

Now, John Chapter 4... get down your scriptures or whatever thing you are using to read your Bible or if you don't have anything, just follow us through as we actually go through this by the grace of God.

Now, if you notice, from verse 4 which is where we actually stopped.

Let's go through this

John 4 verse 4.

Yes, am reading the Message translation.

#### **4. To get there, he had to pass through Samaria.**

Who is to get there? That is Jesus. He had to pass through Samaria. We've talked about that in the last two transmission.

**He came into Sychar, a Samaritan village that bordered the field Jacob had given his son Joseph.**

Now please before you continue...

Now you know I want you to think about this because this particular statement you read out from the scriptures will have implication for us as we go on towards the tail end of this particular discuss between Jesus and this Samaritan woman. Because the Sychar that he actually went to was actually a city of Samaria. And really is not at the center because that particular city is like having something on the outskirts.

Read that again, what does it says?

**He came into Sychar, a Samaritan village that bordered the field Jacob had given his son Joseph.**

Can you see? is pretty much like a village. Is not like he actually gone right into the city center of Samaria.

Now, why are we talking about that? Please hold on to that because over the next few episodes in the future, we are going to go back to that statement why Sychar, a village in Samaria is a border village or a country side, because Jesus had not even right sat down or gone straight to the city center of Samaria. So that is important. So please hold on to that. We don't want to digress and miss the point of where we are going to.

What does it says next?

**Jacob's well was still there.**

Amazing is now telling us that the well that was dug probably thousands of years before now, that well was still surviving. That well was very obstinate. The well was still there.

Go on please,

**Jesus, worn out by the trip, sat down at the well. It was noon.**

Well, if you have the KJV, it says it was the sixth hour. But this one says it was noon. This was the middle of the day about 12.00 noon. And Jesus sat down by the well because he was weary from his journey.

Now, what is the next thing he says there?

**7. A woman, a Samaritan came to draw water. Jesus said would you give me a drink of water?**

Now, let's stop there.

It is a good point to draw out the implications of the gospel in this particular place. Let's look at some few things from these particular set of scriptures that you have read.

Have you noticed the very first thing is Jesus actually got there and sat down by the well before this woman came? That is one thing that we see there. He sat down by the well. He was already waiting for this woman. But you and I know one thing that our God is not a God of chance and probability.

The Bible says that the boundary lines are fallen for us in pleasant places. Bible says the steps of the righteous are ordered by the Lord. The Bible says he works all things out according to the counsel of his will. That is the God we served. He work all things out according to the counsel of his will.

So for Christ Jesus, on this journey nothing was by chance. He actually sat down waiting for this woman.

Now, am not sure if you think that something doesn't look normal in that situation. I understand that if you are the CEO of a company, if you are the Director of an institution, if you are at the helm of affairs of an institution. It makes sense that people who are subordinate, people that are below you should be the one waiting on you to show up, not you sitting down waiting for somebody, subordinate to you coming around. See! You have a meeting and you don't expect the Boss to sit down waiting for the subordinate to actually come there.

It's not really actually a good thing, because of the worth of the time of the Boss. The worth of his own time is higher than the worth, the money value of the time of the subordinate in the hierarchy.

Is just like the General. It's okay for the Captain to wait for the General in the army, but it doesn't make any sense for the General... it doesn't make any economical sense, even it doesn't make any power sense for the General to wait for the Captain. This is the CEO of the universe.

Jesus, the Chief Executive Officer, you know why I said that? because the Bible says all things were made by him and there was nothing made that was made without him. John 1:3 ... in him all things consist.

This is the person who is at the helm of affairs of the universe. And you are saying to me, he is the one sitting down waiting on the woman to show up at the well. What does that tell you and I? When the scriptures says in Philippians Chapter 2 that Jesus made himself of no reputation... if you are wondering what does that mean? That is not theoretical, this is a practical demonstration of Jesus making himself of no reputation. Here, he is the one sitting down by the well. The CEO of the universe, the one that hold all things together in the universe, waiting on his creature by the well.

For example, there was a time we are doing a discuss many months ago talking about the fact that, Jesus, even though he who was rich in 2Corinthians where he says even though he was rich, he became poor so that we through his poverty might be made rich. When you read those kind of scriptures, what come to your mind? This is an instance that should come to your mind of the person that decided to make himself nothing even though he was worth everything. See! He was waiting on this woman. This is what the Lord Jesus had to do so that we can get saved. This is what he had to do so that we can be redeemed. He made himself nothing.

In fact, Philippians 2 says he took up the form of a servant. Now the CEO became the servant. He took the form of a servant. This is the sacrifice that Christ had to pay. So this is why Jesus waited on this woman.

And let me say this, just for the fact that God became man was enough to make you think about the fact that he took up the form that was far below what he is. So we see an example, a demonstration of Jesus making himself of no reputation waiting on the woman.

Now again, what I saw there was this wasn't an accidental meeting.

Well, definitely it cannot be!

Like I said it cannot be and the reason for that is Jesus said there is nothing that he does, except what he sees the Father is doing. He was a man on time.

Ephesians 5 tells us even as Christians that we should walk circumspectly, isn't it? He said making most of every time. Think about it.

If we were being admonished by the scriptures to make most of every time, don't tell me that Jesus, the author and the finisher of our faith wasn't walking by the same

principles. 'Making the most of every time, walking circumspectly.' Everything he did, every person he met, you see everything was not a game of chance.

Think about it. This was the ministry that will change the next 2000 years of history. And he had three and a half years to cram all of these activity. Think about it. There was no time, like you said about the Boss. He was going to cram three and a half years of ministry, doing things, saying things, meeting people that will change the course of history at least for the next 2000 years up till now. There was no time to actually play around. Everything was decisive in everything he did. In people he met, in what they said, in places he went. He was all on target, because he had to put a lot within 3 ½ years to get everything done.

What jumped at me was that, here you have already shown that Jesus actually knew what he was doing, he understood the timing and this was not accidental. I just hope that the woman had the same understanding that oh! She does not think this was just accidental. Just another man hitting on me. Another man on the well. You know that is the thing.

The other party might have the full understanding of what is happening, what of the other? and that is what happening even in life. Some people might be listening to this and they just click on their social media or whatsoever and listen to and feel like is just one of those things... It looks like accidental. What are these people saying? But we really know if we go through this John Chapter 4 that there was more to that meeting.

So there could be more to what you just click on today. And there are some meetings in life, there are occasions like that, there is more to it. It wasn't just accidental. So we really need to understand from our side, because it takes both to agree, to be able to get the best out of the encounter, if we really understand that beyond the surface, there is more. It takes the woman too to agree that there is more, so she can get the best. So it takes for us to have the understanding to understand that there is something behind all these.

Well, in the kingdom of God if you are there, and you are believing God for something or trusting God for a move in your life. In God's kingdom in reality, there is nothing you can do to propel God to do anything. If you think about it, Jesus of his own initiative sat down by the well, the woman didn't actually book an appointment online, or book an appointment offline to say Lord Jesus can you meet me by the well?

The sitting by the well of Jesus was predominantly and completely initiative of the Lord Jesus Christ. And that is how the kingdom works. Everything that was done for us in Christ Jesus was completely on the decision of the Lord. In fact, the scriptures tells us that while we were yet sinners, when we were not even qualify to get an appointment with him, can you see that? He himself, decided to give himself for us. So it means the appointment of the Lord for you and I, is completely on his Love. Completely on his nature. It has got nothing to do with you. So where do we come into the equation?

Am going back to what you said.

All we need is sensitivity to be able to recognize and see what the Lord is doing like you said. That is why Jesus wept over Jerusalem. You see? He said they did not know they had the God of heaven and earth become flesh visiting them. God became man. God came into the neighborhood but people didn't even know this was God in the neighborhood. So he wept because they did not recognize the day of their visitation.

So like you said the woman could be there, not even knowing whom she was meeting with. Not even knowing what this was all about. Even Jesus knew this woman could have been there not even knowing anything. In fact, we can see from the rest as we go down into the story, into the reality of this event. I won't call it a story, I will call it an event in history, because it was an event. Not a parable, parables are story. This is an event in history.

We could see the discuss that this woman had with Jesus. She didn't even know what this was all about. But Jesus was waiting on the woman who didn't even know what this was all about.

Now, if you are going to do something for somebody. If you are going to pay the price, at least if you are in charge of things and you are in the helm of affairs and you are still going to make yourself of no reputation to wait on somebody, at least you will appreciate that the person you are going to wait on knows exactly what this is all about. But she had no idea.

Why am I saying this?

I want you and I to begin to appreciate how much love the Father has for us. How much grace was bestowed on us in Christ Jesus. What Christ had to go through even for we that we had no idea what he was doing. While we are yet ungodly. While we are yet undeserving, Christ took initiative and die on the cross for a people that even had no idea what is happening.



Think about it, this is the type of love that the Father had bestowed on us as sons and daughters of God.

I hope somebody will understand this today because some people are still going and laboring trying to meet the Lord, whereas the Lord is already waiting, sat down by the well. So all their activities is gear toward I want to meet him, where is he? And so they are running heather sketcher maybe he is here, go to this other side, he is there. And so they were thinking all the burden of responsibilities of meeting is only on them. So they have an uninterested person and they want to force him into a meeting. How to cajole him into meeting. But we see he is already waiting at the well. So today it should be a relief.

It is amazing, you see! Again before we go on into the next few verses, we need to actually emphasis this. It is amazing that the scriptures said in one of the epistles in John specifically when he said, this is love not that we love him, because if we love him, it would have been our initiative, isn't it? Not that we love him. Can you see that?

I don't know what you are doing for the Lord wherever you are, or maybe you are considering giving your life to Christ Jesus or you've been born again and you are thinking about the fact that you are doing great things for the Lord, you are doing great service for the Lord. We always tend to think we 'are having initiative.

The scriptures says when it comes to the kingdom, when it comes to being born of God, we have no initiative of ourselves. He says this is love not that we love him but he loved us. Can you see that? So it doesn't mean we don't love God, it means if we love him, it is in a response to his love.

What we are trying to tell you today is, we need to appreciate the fact that in the kingdom of God, the initiative is in God's direction. Jesus sat down by the well waiting on the woman that still have no idea what is happening. Can you see that?

And this is the beauty of our fellowship with the Lord. This is the kind of mentality we need to carry every time we seek the Lord that the Lord had made all things ready for us.

Am finding it hard to move away from there because there is so much revelation in that, talking about Jesus was actually waiting at the well.

And again we found that some people are going all around, maybe looking for him in a particular city, looking for him in a particular group not knowing that even in the normal everyday life, he is as close as that. In the normal itinerary, normal daily

schedule of this woman, Jesus was there. You don't need to go far! How easy could that be?

But we see people had so much burden and every load trying to meet him and trying to prepare, and go all these way. Right in your normal daily job, he was there! He had programmed himself, he walked himself into your schedule. You are not the one trying to go and work yourself into his schedule and where do you meet him. He had worked himself into your schedule. I hope people will really understand this and be free from this unnecessary burden.

You know one thing?

You've just open something that is very important. You've actually broken the eye of something.

I think for Christians, some don't understand the difference between being in Christ and Christ being in you. I know we like to quote 2Corinthians 5, 'if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation.' Well, that is about your position in Christ Jesus. But don't forget that other scriptures talks about Christ in you the hope of glory. Christ in you means He is actually come to situate himself in you, wherever you are, at what point you are, at what stage you are, no matter what location Christ is there. That is why he says Christ in you.

You have to understand that is a complete revelation of you in Christ, which means you going and sitting with Christ in the realm of what he has done for you. But also don't forget that Christ also has come in you. It means he is also where you are. He is at the point of what you are doing, where you are, what stage of life you are, he is also going to bring himself down and live with you in there. So this is what you need to understand.

So like you just said, is not about you trying to say...oh! You know what? Where do I meet him? How do I find him? He is simply saying I will come and meet you where you are. So if you are the person that goes to the well, if you are somebody that is a water drawer from the well, I will meet you at the well. I will meet you in your daily job. I will meet you on your job. I will meet on your career. I will meet you in your family. I will meet you with your children. I will meet you wherever you are, wherever life has put you. I will meet you there.

If you are sitting at Sychar, am going to meet you. You may not be a business man, you may not really be known for everything. I will come there. If you are one that draw water from that Jacob's well, I will come to that thing you are so familiar with, that is your environment, I will come into your environment. That is what they mean

when it say Christ in you. I will come to where you are. And that is what the Lord did for this woman. He came to where she would normally go every time. He came to her position, her location. And that is the Lord that we serve.

And is even a tragedy that some people are even looking for him where he is not there anymore. People go to where he was born. And people go to where he had work before, and is even a tragedy that this is somebody that is ready to meet you where you are.

There is a place in John the gospel where he says **if anybody loves me, my Father will love him and we will come and make our abode with him.** You know what abode means? It is the old English word of habitation, where you live. We will come to where you live. Do you live in the slump? We are coming into the slump. If you live in the Jungle, we are coming there. If you are living in a state of confusion of life, we are coming right into the midst of your confusion.

And is not like vising, he is camping down.

We are going to abode, we are going to stay, even no matter what situation, conditions, circumstances, event of life you are going through. We are coming there. We are not going to wait for you to clean yourself out and say once you are done, meet us at your address. No! Jesus went straight down.

He couldn't had told the woman and said maybe when you are done with that well thing, maybe leave Sychar and meet us at the center of Samaritan. He went down... And is not like he went down there, he was there before she got there, and even sit there. Is it not amazing that he gets there before we get there? Can you see?

The Lord is well ahead of you. That is why I like scriptures that says that Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God was crucified from the foundation of the earth. You know what that means?

It means from the foundation, from the very core, the base of the earth, he was already crucified. So before the first man sinned, before there was sin in the world, before there was corruption in the world, he said Christ was crucified from the foundation. God was well ahead of the fall. And this is what we see, well ahead of the circumstance, well ahead of the situation. That is the God that we served.

So even before she got there, he was already there sitting and waiting on his people.

I will like to reawaken the senses of all our viewers, the believers to understand that we cannot make light of this sitting. He sat down. There is a strong significance to that even in the New Testament, we see how he sitted.

So we cannot overlook and feel like....

Now, you know what? Thank you for making mention of that. That was the next thing we are going to be talking about. And I think this is a good time to actually go into that realm.

I know there must be something for sitting, he didn't say that he was hanging, loitering around.

Now that is a very good thing. Let's have a think about it, about the reason why it wasn't just that Jesus went ahead of this woman but he sat down. Don't forget where he sat down by? Jacob's well.

That is significant. We are going to come to that. Why did he sit down? Well, you could argue and say well, he must sat down because biologically speaking, he was physically tired and it just make sense for him to sit down. If that is what you think. Let me just set you on a thinking course. I will indulge your thinking faculty like Paul said I speak the word of truth and reason when he was talking to Festus.

Now let's talk about this.

Number one, if it was actually completely due to physical exhaustion that he was tired. Now the question you want to ask is, when did the disciples came back with the food what did he say? Have you notice that Jesus didn't say Oh yes, thank you guys. I actually was tired, this should actually resuscitate me. He said I have food to eat that you know nothing about.

That really is not the kind of energy I need to resuscitate my tiredness. It was something else. This is not merely physical. You guys thought it was completely physical. What I need to resuscitate me is not the kind of things you brought. That is why he said my meat is to do the will of him that sent me.

So you have to agree with me that his tiredness that made him rest by the well, is not a completely physical one by Jesus own very words.

Now second thing, I want you also not fall into the error of this woman that she fell into, which was the reason why the discussion between the Jesus and this woman was just going forth and backward. Jesus was asking her for water to drink, she completely thought about the physical water, she missed the point.

There are times that when you are reading the scriptures, you have to pray for the inspiration of the Holy Spirit to understand the context and what Jesus meant, even when he referred to things that are physical. There are times that what he is talking

about is behind the physical things. You know there is a place in Luke 12 when he told them beware of the leaven of the Pharisee.

Let's use the modern day English, Jesus said beware of the yeast of the Pharisee. In Luke Chapter 12, be careful of the yeast of the Pharisee and the scriptures says the disciples thought it was because they didn't bring any bread. Jesus said who is talking about bread. I was talking about the hypocrisy of the Pharisees.

What am saying is, there are times you read things like this and then it looks like physical things, but Jesus is pointing to the significance of something spiritual, something deeper than the physical thing he was talking about.

I've just shown you by the scriptures when the scriptures says he was tired and he had to rest and he had to sit down. You have to look at the fact that this wasn't completely physical. Because he didn't need food to get out of that tiredness.

So if is not a physical so what is it pointing to at?

Now, is important to Christ Jesus that this woman would meet him not just before this woman would come. Jesus had to make sure he was there before the woman actually came around. That wasn't just enough. But he had to sit down. He had to bring that form of posture. He had to make sure the woman met him sitting down.

If you look at the issue of being sitted. Let's talk about if you are sitting.

Now, if you are watching this. You can see we are actually pretty sitting. What happens when you sit? The weight of your body, the burden of your body rests on the sit. It doesn't necessarily rest on your physical body. I repeat that again.

You transfer the weight to the sit. We are not saying there is no weight that comes to you, or there is no effect on you. But it's minimal, the buck of the weight of your body goes on to the sit compare to when you are walking, compare to when you are standing.

Now, Jesus had to make sure this woman met him in a sitting posture and the reason is what we are going to look at today. We will look at the implication of this, we will draw out the implications for the gospel. What was he trying to achieve with this woman? He was trying to send a message. A very significant message and you need to listen to that because why? When you and I came into Christ Jesus, when we met him sitting by our well.

See! You've got to meet a sitting Saviour.

Now, if you don't meet a sitting Saviour you will have a big problem. It is important. I know people say they met Jesus. We encounter Jesus... You know there are times you look at some program, they say Jesus encounter, the encounter of Jesus. Those are great titles. Those are great program and we bless the Lord for such meetings.

But the question is, this woman did not just encounter Jesus, she encounter a sitting Saviour. It is important to figure out how did you meet him, did you meet him standing? Did you meet him loitering around? or did you meet him sitted? It's important to know how you met him by the well. You need to meet a sitting savior.

You need to meet a savior who is sitted. And then the reason if you want to ask, why do you need to meet a sating savior? Why is it important? What was Christ trying to pass across to the psyche of this woman? It is important. I believe we are going to look at this today. Because he was going to demonstrate....

Before you go there, I need to draw out the attention of our audience to know that even message and conversation is not only about what you say. There are some subliminal message. People reveal people... I was reading an article, the first lady of a country is to tell you she is sending messages to addresses and they are trying to reveal some of these things. People mere not saying anything, they are saying a lot. So by posture Psychologist can read into....

There are so many messages here, beyond the conversation, am sure people are eager to reanalyze and do theological debate over the conversation and dialogue between this woman and Jesus. Can we look at the subliminal strong message that is being passed unsaid, unspoken words between the two of them? And so one thing before you take your mind to those dialogue, we want to go to things that are not said that is being said.

There is something they call Body language. You could actually speak with your body. For example, you know atimes we even do this, if you're listening to this, you could probably identify with this. If you are talking to somebody and you want them to leave and you want to stop the conversation, you know you don't have to say let's stop now. If you are sitted and you want them to go or stop. What do you do? When you stand, they know that you are saying you know what? Let's end this conversation. You don't have to say let's end this conversation. You could use your body or your body posture to speak.

And the other person, if you are not done, they can actually pick the signal of what you are talking about even though you have not said anything. And those messages are valid. People use their finger, people use their posture. They can change their

sitting to standing or standing to sitting and they have passed the message. Your body language is very valuable in psychology.

So we are now looking at the body language of Jesus.

It's not that Jesus when he heard of this woman, is that he made sure that this woman met him sitting. You've got to meet a sitting savior.

People might think that was theoretical. What is sitting savior? You would soon find out why.

In fact, you might find out some of the struggles and the contentions and the pressures some Christians are under today is not the fact that they didn't encounter Jesus. They did! Because we are not saying you are not born again, it could be that you got the wrong body language from the savior you met. You met maybe a standing savior or agitated savior or a loitering savior. Did you meet a savior that was sitted? That is what we are looking at.

And then don't forget like we just said. Your body posture, your body language is as valid even as when you speak. That is all we see there.

So let's get on quickly and see what this is all about in the realm of the spirit. What does it mean when you are sitted?

Before we begin to go further on this. I think this is a good point for us to actually look at Colossians. Jesus was sitted in so many places even before he went to the cross and after he resurrected.

Let's see some places that scriptures talk about.

Colossians 3, you can read from verse 1.

Now, I want you to follow us at this stage as we begin to draw out the meat of the Word.

Don't forget it is the body language of Jesus.

### **Colossians 3**

**1. If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God.**

Again, this is not a waste of preposition or something. This is about positioning. He says you know one thing, he said even at the moment, the resurrected Christ is a sitted Christ.

It's not just that he sat down by the well when the woman encountered him, even for us who are born again, who are now in the New Covenant in Christ Jesus, he says well, you've got to understand that the savior, the Christ you are dealing with is actually a sitted Christ. Can you see?

What do you see of that Christ? You have to see that he is a sitted Christ. Even you might be saying well, John Chapter 4 is actually something that happen before Jesus went to the cross, let's talk about we now in the New Covenant. Those of us, who actually believe in Christ who died and resurrected.

Ok. Thank God you mentioned that.

Well, you see in Colossians 3, he said even the Christ we are supposed to look to, is one that is sitted at the right hand. Why is this posture? That is what we are going to explore.

You have anything to say?

What I want to say is, this is not an endless pontification by the Apostles to say look at this your Christ, he is sitted or is not just for want of words or to just make up words or somebody is just feeling good. He said look at it pointing. And that is bring people, and how people explain they encounter Jesus. Maybe the people that were showing them, that were bringing them to that experience are not pointing them to look at the sitted one, from the perception it was alter. So they never got a perception of a sitted Christ and that is what Colossians was telling. See! He is actually sitted.

Giving you the perception of Jesus. Is not actually people encountering Jesus, is the perception of the Jesus.

That is why I said, how do you encounter him?

So when people come in and Jesus that they know that they were able to see or were shown to them at that point in time was the one that was loitering or standing, standing on you, on top of you, that is the thing. That is something else. And that is why he is calling the attention of the New Testament people to see. Do not forget we are talking about Christ now that have you seen Jesus? Do you know that it is much more important to know that this Christ is sitted at the right hand of God?

If this Christ is sitted why is he sitted? Now, we've just said it before, that you only sit when you put the weight of your body on the seat or you do that when you are at rest. This is a savior that is resting.



You know John Chapter 4, that woman, it says Jesus needed to rest. So let's put this in context. It means you actually sit when you are resting. That is the word! And we saw Jesus sat down by the well because he wanted to rest. This is a savior who has come to rest.

And then you wonder why? Why is he resting in this place? Well, you know you only rest when work is done. You only rest when work is accomplished.

Now, we are going to draw out something. Don't forget, it is important that we meet that type of sitting savior.

We are still going to come back to Colossians 3. What you are going to do with that sitting savior. What are you going to see of the sitting savior? Before we talk about that perception, because we are going to go through the other verses. We are not going to down now, we are going to go straight on to Genesis and look at what he says.

Go to Hebrews 4 before we go to Genesis. Let's see what Hebrews 4 had to say. Encountering a sitting savior! There is something he does to you that he did to this woman in John Chapter 4.

## **Hebrews 4**

**1. Let us therefore fear, lest, a promise being left us of entering into his rest, any of you should seem to come short of it.**

He is talking about the fact that... whose rest? Is it our rest or his rest?

He was talking about his rest.

Ok. He was the one that was resting like we saw in Colossians 3. He was the one that rested. Isn't it? It is not our rest. It is his rest.

And so he says what are we supposed to do with his rest?

**1. Let us therefore fear, lest, a promise being left us of entering into his rest, any of you should seem to come short of it.**

It seems to me that is not just about his rest, is about the fact that he wants us to enter into his rest.

Message Translation (Hebrews 4)

**1. For as long then as that promise of resting in him pulls us on to God's goal for us, we need to be careful that we are not disqualified.**

## **2. We received the same promises as those people in the wilderness but the promises didn't do them a bit of good.**

This is an introduction to encountering a resting savior. The very introduction was done to those in the wilderness. They were given the same offer to encounter the savior that was sitting, a savior that was resting. They had the same opportunity. But he says what happened to them?

### **But the promises didn't do them a bit of good.**

If you read some other translation. **It says it didn't profit them.**

### **For unto us was the gospel preached as well as unto them. (NKV)**

Now please, there is something that is coming to mind. The gospel was preached to them just like the gospel is preach to us. Please what is the gospel supposed to achieve from previous verse?

Now you see, I know you seem to say the gospel of our Lord Jesus. It then seem to me that the gospel has a focus. The previous verse says the promise of entering into his rest.

Any gospel, any good news that you hear that is not driving you into his rest, that is the gospel that has not achieve his aim.

It says the gospel was preached to them as the gospel is being preached to us. What is trying to achieve?

### **But the word preached did not profit them.**

Now, what profit is that?

Now if you talk about business, is one thing to have a business establishment, to have a business investment, or to have any business activity going on. Just because you have a business activity is one thing and is a whole different thing that you are making profit from the transaction.

The Bible says every time you preach the gospel to somebody, that gospel is supposed to profit the person. There should be a profit from the preaching of the gospel. And the profit from the preaching of the gospel is that the person you are preaching the gospel into, is he resting into the rest of the Lord? Is he encountering a sitting savior? Is he encountering a savior that is resting? If he is not encountering a sitting savior, you might be preaching the gospel to them, but apparently they are not profiting with the gospel. The goal of the gospel is to drive anyone in the gospel into the rest of the savior. That is what the goal of the gospel is.

Please be patient with us, we are going somewhere. We are looking at why Christ had to make sure this woman had to encounter him in a rested position.

Before you go further into that, like you said the goal of the gospel is to drag the hearers into rest. But yet, the hearer might not get into rest when they encounter a savior, they had a perception of a savior who is not resting, because being rest means he has completed his work. So he had shifted the burden of the work on them.

So if you do not meet a sitting savior, then you got to work pull up your sleeves that is why they can never come into the rest. Because of the savior they are seeing.

They are not seeing a savior that is sitted, who has completed the work. So he put the onus and all the rest of the responsibility of the work on them. So they can never ever get into rest.

That agrees with Colossians 3 that says “if you then be risen in Christ, seek those things which are above where Christ sitted.”

Of course, what are you seeing of Christ? What type of Christ are you being talked? What type of Christ is being preached to you on Sunday? What type of Christ do you see?

Well, to actually corroborate that, if you go on to the next few verses in Hebrew Chapter 4.

Look at verse 3. Read that please,

#### **Hebrew 4**

**3. For we which have believed do enter into rest, as he said as I have sworn in my wrath, if they shall enter into my rest: although the works was finished from the foundation of the world.**

**4. For he spake in a certain place of the seventh day on this wise, and God did rest the seventh day from all his works.**

Look at verse 10.

What does it says?

**10. For he that is entered into his rest, he also hath ceased from his own works, as God did from his.**

So he is simply saying what picture of God are you seeing? He said is going to happen to you, you can only believe do you see what God did from his own? If you can't see

what God did from his own, then is not going to happen to you. That is when we talk about his encountering a sitting Savior. What are you seeing of the savior?

He said, what you see... that is why he said, **if anybody has entered into rest, he will ceased from his own work even as God did from his.**

What are you seeing? Do you see what God did for you? Did you see a rested God? Did you see a rested savior? Did you see a sitted savior? If you can see that, then something will happen to you.

Now, if you see what he said there.....

Can you read verse 10 again?

I want our listeners to hear verse 10 again.

I want to read from another translation?

Yes, another translation...

What does it says?

This is so important. We are talking about meeting a sitting savior.

**10. So the promise of arrival and rest is still there for God's people. God himself is at rest. And at the end of the journey we will surely rest with God. So let's keep at it and eventually arrive at the place of rest. Not drop out through some sort of disobedience.**

He said God himself is at rest. He said God worked and rest.

Now, we don't want to go into Genesis, because I don't think is important we go there because that is why if you read that, he says

Go and read this yourself. Genesis Chapter 1 verse 26, 27, Chapter 2 from verse 1, 2, 3. This is just a corroboration of those verses. So please go and read that.

What he said was God made man...

Viewers please let's think through this like I said before, word of truth and reason.

God made man on the sixth day, we all know this. And the seventh day God rested. And the Bible says God sanctified and blessed the seventh day.

Now, the question you want to ask is, if you made man on the sixth day. You know we always say this that scriptures says that God made man, he said let him replenish the earth. Let him have dominion over the birds of the air, the fish of the sea, the

things that creepeth on the face of the earth and all these. So Adam had a mandate. He had a job description. His Boss gave him employee role of what to do when he was created. Can you see that?

In fact there is a place in Chapter 2, he did say that there was no man to till the ground. So when Adam came on the scene, God had an employee, if you want to use that word to till the ground. But something was missing. You know why? He was made on the sixth day, and on the seventh day when Adam was about to say let's do it, let's get on the mandate, let's go, let's change the world. God said sorry Adam! the seventh day.

No, he was formed on the sixth day and on the seventh day which was the next morning, when Adam opened his eye and it was a new day, he was meant to get to work right?

God said you know what? Adam... it is the seventh day. It is my day of rest and you too need to rest. That is why God told them you do nothing on the seventh day, Sabbath day.

Let me try and paint a picture of the situation. It sounds to me, is just like you employ somebody in a company and you gave him job description and the day he was meant to resume for work, the **Boss** said you are going to take your annual leave.

Now, he's not done anything. This is the situation with Adam. Adam first day at work was a day of rest.

Now, God was saying to Adam. I am resting on the seventh day. Look at me, I have worked, and am resting. But you are going to start your own from rest. So when Adam opened his eyes to life, the Bible says God made man and put in him the breath of life and he became a living soul. The first time he encountered God, he met a resting God on the seventh day. Seventh day was Adam first day on earth.

God's seventh day was Adam's first day at work, even at life. That was his first day.

So when they asked Adam which God did you see when you became conscious of your existence? He met a resting God. He didn't meet the God who was working on day one and feels he need to join him. No!

That is why the woman in John Chapter 4 met a resting savior. Because the first Adam if they asked him who is your God? Oh, describe who you met? I met a God who was resting.

When they asked him? What day was that?

My very first day of existence and my first encounter with him.

But for God, it was his own seventh day that was a day of rest. Why is it? That the God of all heaven and earth wanted Adam to be self-conscious and meet him as a resting God? And be the first activity will be resting.

Why will Jesus make sure the woman in John met him as a resting sitting savior by the well?

I mean if the woman wanted to describe Jesus, she will say I met a man who was sitted and rested by the well.

Yes, who did you meet?

Am going to ask our audience, who have you met?

Did you meet the sitting savior?

So viewers who did you meet?

So Adam became conscious and met the resting savior.

Now the question is, what did the Lord want to achieve with Adam? Why did he have to meet him as a resting God on the seventh day? Now, that is a question. That same question will go all the way back from Genesis to John Chapter 4.

Why will Jesus not just go ahead of this woman to meet him at the well, but Jesus wanted this woman to meet him as a resting savior? This is the reason.

We see from the scripture now. Think about it! If Adam was going to actually start work on the eight day, the following day.

Now, Adam then will be working in reverse, don't forget that God had to work before he rested, but Adam had to rest before he work.

Now, the question you are asking is, why? What do you achieve with rest? This rest of God in Genesis Chapter 1 verse 26, 27 and in Genesis Chapter 2 verse 1. Why did God rested? Was God exhausted? Was God tired?

You know I actually give you a note of warning, before we began to look at the reason why Jesus rested. I said if all you think about was that Christ rested because he was completely tired when they brought him food to resuscitate him, he rejected the food. Have a rethink about it? Why did God had to rest?

I thought before we are not going to read before, but now we have to.

Genesis Chapter 2 from verse 1, what does he says?

This is the reason you need to encounter the sitting savior.

## **Genesis 2**

- 1. Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them.**
- 2. And on the seventh day God ended his work which he had made; and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made.**
- 3. And God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it; because that in it he had rested from all his work which God created and made.**

Ok.

Can you go back to Chapter 1 from verse 31?

## **Genesis 1**

**31. And God saw everything that he had made,**

Now, mark this! God saw everything that he had made.

Go on please

**And behold it was very good.**

Look at it, it was very good. This was perfect. Now, he didn't just say good. This is very good. This is perfect. This cannot be improved upon. God saw that.

What did he say next?

**And the evening and the morning were the sixth day.**

Now, he says God saw everything that he did and he said this is very good. That was God's own conclusion upon the things he made. This is very good.

Now then holding on to that.

So what did God did in Chapter 2 when he saw that everything was good.

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So what was God's comment about what he did? God said it was good. This is done. You can't improve upon it. And it was because it was good that he ended the works.

You know some of us, we end things that we are doing because we are frustrated half way. We say well, I don't think I can do this anymore.

Is good you talk about that, because some people might feel like he was tired.

He ended because it was done. Because it was very good. No one improved on it. This is satisfactory. This meet the goal standard. And when God saw that it met the standard, God said it is good. Well, am going to end this. It is done. It is time to go into rest.

So God's resting was the signaling that it was all done.

Now does that sound to me like thank God you said that? When Jesus said on the cross it is finished, all done. And then after that, he sat down.

You only sit down when it is all done, not because you are tired.

Some people do sit down when they were tired. But Christ and Lord here, it was all down.

Sitting down! So when you see a sitted savior. That is why Colossians 3 then says, **if you then be risen with Christ, set your mind on things above where Christ sitted.** So the sitting or the resting of Christ is a signaling to demons, to hell, to heaven, to earth that you know what? It's good. Whatever he did, this is very good. This is good! Done and dusted! That is what the resting and sitting down of God signifies.

So when this woman met Jesus at the well. A sitted savior says even before you met me, woman I know you are going through a lot of things at the moment, you are going through so much tension. Your life is a bit of drama at the moment. As long as am concern, it is all done and dusted.

Now, the sitting down of God is a signaling that the work is completed. What you need for life, what you need for godliness. What you need to restructure your life. What you need to be who you are made to be. He said I've done it, all done and dusted. That is was the sitting down of the Lord meant. And he says you have to encounter the savior in that posture. That is what we see there.

I can just say now, the sublime message in Christ's posture is like I have finished it all. I have done it all.



I know you are going through tensions at the moment. I know woman your life is in mess at the moment, you know what? It is already done. I have come to provide everything that you need.

And we are using this episode to transmit, to translate, to transcribe, to read the posture for you, in case you are not understanding the sitting posture of the Lord to know that for your life, not just only for that woman, because we are in his history. We are in that story too. That is a message that the sitting savior is passing across. And that it is finished and it is done, and it is good. It is finished. It is done and dusted. That is the message. You must not forget that. You must not miss that message.

Do you know what is actually amazing at the moment as I begin to think and talk through this with you? I understood then that actually man was made on the sixth day and God did not declare that it was good until the end of the sixth day before God entered into rest. So including Adam, Adam was very good. Adam was good. Adam was completed. All Adam needed was already available for him. That is why God said, he looked at everything he made, and he said, it was good including man.

Can you see that?

And you know that is important that Adam was meant to wake up in consciousness that he was good as God's creation.

Why did Adam had to rest before Adam began to work?

I was about getting to that because it is very instructive for us to really understand that you are going to start your day off with rest.

You have to meet a resting savior and you have to start your day off as rest.

You have to start your first day at job with rest? In which company do you start your day with an annual leave?

So when you come to Christ, I don't know how some people coming in, but you just have to meet first, a sitting savior for you to understand this. And if you don't understand this or you have forgotten about this, come to Colossians Chapter 3, because it's pointing our direction at it. Do not forget, Look to him, see him... That he is sitted. He had finished the work.

So you really need to in case you have forgotten how you met him. We want to describe back to you that the man you met, the savior you met was sitted.

He said, it is finished. He said he's completed every work that you need.

And the message that came with that posture was that I have finished everything. I have done all. And then another message is you have to start your work from rest. Some people did not start from there, they are hoping to rest after work because the perception of the savior they have is the one that has not finished everything.

Now, the work is from rest. Because some people might feel like we rubbish the work of righteousness, that Oh! you are just calling people, there is nothing to do more. But you know that it comes from rest first.

Well, Adam actually need to till the ground. He actually work!

So people might thought we are putting people to irresponsibility and feel like we are just putting people to loaf around. No! We are not saying people should to loaf around. Adam didn't loaf around. But the thing is he started from rest. The consciousness of rest must come. But people come in to Christ today, they don't have the consciousness of rest. They have the consciousness of the work and thinking the rest is after. Because they met a man who has not finished the work and they felt like, some of them feel like they are privileged to work with him and they feel like he called them to partnership like that. He called them to something he cannot do himself. He is so helpless, he cannot complete it. So he needs your energy, he needs your initiative to do it.

And so he cannot rest. And you too cannot rest because is just like you need partners and you need him to boost him up. Like capitalist, you need them to invest. So he needs your partnership. So he needs your energy, he need your initiative. And that is why some people feel they are good enough because they feel like they have something to offer, because they met a savior who is saying put your own down, and let me put my own down. And so they feel like their work just started. And so they roll up their sleeve, they have something to come up today. They don't have the perception that this savior is sitted, who has done all. And they first of all have to start from rest, no matter what you think your initiative is. You have to start from rest.

You've got to meet him like that John Chapter 4 sitted. You have to encounter a sitting savior.

Because this woman, I was just thinking did anybody asked that woman and say, who did you meet? I know there is no way she will described the man he met by not saying I saw him sitted. I met a man that was sitted.

Before you even get a chance of telling people what the name of the person is, and even exchanging. You first of all have to say I met him dress and how he sat or

where... I met a man on this well of Jacob, on the city of Sychar, the unknown place like that. It's not a big place, you met him sitting.

So am throwing this question back to our audience, who did you meet? Did you meet the sitting savior or the loitering savior? Did you meet somebody from the posture, the message and signaling you got is that he had done everything, he has covered it all. He covers all the basis.

Who did you meet?

Don't forget the first Adam, he met the resting God.

So we are asking you who did you meet?

Did you meet somebody from the posture and body language coming from him that he has done it all, that he had covered all the basis, he has done everything, he is sitting or the one that he is sending you on errand, he does not even an idea of it is going to be, is waiting on your good initiative, is waiting on your energy, some people have energy to have energy to contribute. Some people feel that they have the good thinking. They are blessed with skills and narrative skills to contribute to it.

Did you meet the one who has completed all? Did you meet the one that what you get from him is like, oh! I find him resting, am coming into rest.

Because he is already completed the work. Am meeting you resting.

And that makes a lot of implication because if you meet somebody resting when there is nothing for you to do, that means you have to rest. But if you meet somebody who has not, you have to join them to do what they are doing. And so the quality of life will differ. If you report to a company that you started with rest or you report to one that you feel they have not done everything, that is why you have different quality of life of Christian's life. We have different experience and yet the same savior but because of the different perception. And that was why Colossians was bringing us to that saying... in case people have forgotten that the one you saw was sitting or you have forgotten and that is what we are using this episode...

So it's important now that we didn't just encounter Jesus, but is important how we encounter Jesus. What posture? How did you meet him? It is important.

That is why Hebrews 4 says, they had the gospel preached to them, but it didn't mixed with faith in them. There was something about the way they understood or saw that savior and that is why he says it didn't profit them.

So the profit of the gospel will established today is about did you allow what you hear drive you into rest. Hebrews 4:1-4

You cannot belittle and talk less of sitting and the perception, we see all the works of the Apostles in New Testament is just to focus and refocus our vision and energy to this perception thing. That we see the book of James that was telling you go and look into the mirror, it's just about perception...

So you need to go back. If you are going to take anything back from this episode today, is about bringing you back to the perception of Christ. That the perception of Christ that you have must be the one that is sitted. And so we are re-enforcing that using the meeting.

We are using John Chapter 4 bringing you, though we are stopping at that verse and linking it up to Colossians to know that the perception of that Christ that we called you encounter is the sitted one. And that is what we are doing today with this episode.

Let me just say this so as to drive home something for the next episode, you don't want to miss the next transmission.

In the next transmission by the grace of God, we are going to explore this. We've not even talk more about the sitting thing. Not at all. We've not even talk about the fact that what kind of work did Adam do after he actually rest. We've not talk about that.

These are things you need to listen to. We are going to break down the next episode, what really is this work we are talking about? Is it just carrying bricks or is it just doing something kind of laboring work or what is it? We are going to talk about this in our next transmission. You don't want to miss this, because you've got to encounter the sitting saviour.

And I hope that you are blessed with this episode and then it will change and shape your perception and even try to think back the first of memory to remember that oh! the savior that you met, if you have met Christ that is sitted, if not you need to check back and how do you check back? You need to bring the lens of God's Word to look back. If you go to Colossians Chapter 3, you get the writer actual image of it. You go to all these scriptures.

We've not even delve into that, that is why I said we have a lot thing to look into.

We are just scratching the surface of this posture thing.

So we do hope that you begin to have a rethink with the one we've shared today, that you really need to reconsider this posture even if we've not done it well. That we need to consider, we need to consider this posture.

And you need to stick with us in all subsequent episodes to get the full picture. Like we said if you are wondering, what kind of posture? What is the work they are talking about? Again you have to join us until we do full exegesis on this.

So till you see us next again, maybe on your screen or wherever your tablet.

We want to say as you have receive Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him.

God bless you.

Bye!!