

THROUGH THE BIBLE STUDY

JOHN 4-5

Several years ago on a tour to Israel, we were able to visit the ancient site of Shiloh. God was worshipped at the Tabernacle in Shiloh for 369 years. It was there that Eli the Priest raised a young boy named Samuel.

Today, Shiloh is in the West Bank - under Palestinian control. Israelis consider it hostile territory. Our tour company agreed to go to Shiloh, but only in an armored bus - *in case we were greeted by flying rocks.*

Shiloh is a few miles south of Sychar or Shechem. Today, this is the site of a major Palestinian city called "Nablus." The Bible refers to the region as "Samaria."

And Samaria was as difficult a destination in Jesus' day as it is today. The terrain is hilly and mountainous.

And there were hostilities then, as now - not with Palestinians, but with rival Samaritans. *I'm surprised Jesus and His disciples didn't take an armored bus...*

The preferred path from Galilee to Jerusalem was further east - down the Jordan Valley - not through the rocky region of Samaria. A pilgrim traveled through Samaria only if there was a pressing need to do so.

This brings us to John 4. "Therefore, when the Lord knew that the Pharisees had heard that Jesus made and baptized more disciples than John (though Jesus Himself did not baptize, but His disciples), He left Judea and departed again to Galilee. But He needed to go through Samaria." Notice the

imperative. John tells us, **“He needed to go through Samaria.”**

Apparently, Jesus obeyed *an inner urge - a mental must*. He knew it was God’s will to pass thru Samaria.

Verse 5, **“So He came to a city of Samaria which is called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Now Jacob's well was there. Jesus therefore, being wearied from His journey, sat thus by the well. It was about the sixth hour.”** Your watch would have read high noon. Jesus and His band had hiked steep terrain for hours. Samaria was in the mountains.

Now He slips off his sandals to rest His feet and sent His disciples into town for coffee and bagels.

Verse 7, **“A woman of Samaria came to draw water...”** Today, friction in the area is between Jewish settlers and local Palestinians, but a similar animosity existed in Jesus’ day between Jews and Samaritans.

When Assyria conquered Samaria seven centuries earlier, the Assyrians bred foreigners with the surviving Israelis. The Jews in Jerusalem viewed Samaritans as half-breeds. These ostracized people developed their own rival religion, their own priesthood, they even erected their own temple on nearby Mount Gerizim.

There was such hatred between Samaritans and Jews that the Jews prayed no Samaritan would rise in the resurrection. In John 8:48, the Jews try to insult Jesus by saying, **“You are a Samaritan and have a demon.”** In the first century, Jews

and Samaritans got along about as well as Jews and Palestinians in the 21st century.

Yet Jesus says to this woman, **"Give Me a drink."**

Remember it was noon. Midday in Samaria temps can hit 90-plus degrees. The women would come for water in the cool, early morning hours - never at noon.

The only reason a woman would visit the well at noontime is if she wanted to avoid the other ladies in town. Apparently, that was this woman's motivation.

She'd lived immorally. She was frowned on by her peers who'd sentenced her to shame and isolation.

It was shocking that Jesus would speak to this woman. A *Jewish rabbi* and a *Samaritan woman* were on the opposite ends of the 1st century social ladder.

And not only were Jews biased against Samaritans, they were also prejudiced against women. One rabbi taught, **"It is better the words of the Law be burned than be delivered to a woman!"** This is why this lady did a double take when Jesus asked **"Give me a drink."**

And John notes the disciples' whereabouts, **"For His disciples had gone away into the city to buy food..."**

Then the woman of Samaria said to Him, "How is it that You, being a Jew, ask a drink from me, a Samaritan woman?" For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans." Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is who says to you, 'Give Me a drink,' you would have asked Him,

and He would have given you living water.” “Living water” is swirling not stagnant. It’s water that’s clear and clean.

And “living water” is the term Jesus coined to describe the life of the Spirit. When you choose Jesus and are born from above, refreshment is the result.

Living water is the spiritual equivalent of a cool drink on a hot day. A thirst gets slaked - an *ahhh* floods over the soul. Living water quenches the deep down thirst all humans possess. It produces spiritual satisfaction.

This is the water Jesus offers this woman. Verse 11, “The woman said to Him, “Sir, You have nothing to draw with, and the well is deep. Where then do You get that living water?” Today, Jacob’s Well is in a church basement. It’s 138 feet deep. *The woman was right...*

She asks, “Are You greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well, and drank from it himself, as well as his sons and his livestock?” Jesus lacked a dipper and bucket to draw water. As with Nicodemus, Jesus is *talking figuratively*, but the woman *takes him literally*.

Verse 13, “Jesus answered and said to her, “Whoever drinks of this water will thirst again...”

And here’s a verse to write over the top of everything this world offers us: *the luxury car, the latest gadget, the fancy clothes, a fine wine, the romantic getaway...*

Get it and you’ll thirst again... It might produce a bloated, full feeling for a time, but nothing permanent gets resolved. In a short time, you’ll be thirsting again.

Say, you finally get married... you’ll thirst again.

You get pregnant... you'll thirst again.

You get a high-paying promotion... you'll thirst again.

How often have you said, "I'll be happy when..." Then the "when" comes and you're thirsting again. Realize, **"Physical stuff can never satisfy a spiritual need."**

The city of Marseilles, France is home to a series of sculptures by artist Bruno Catalano. The statues are of travelers who are missing a piece of themselves. These people are not all there. There's a hole in them.

And Bruno's statues could be the poster child for the human race. Comedian Eddie Murphy once told People magazine, "I don't think there's anyone who feels like there isn't something missing in their life."

No matter *who you are, where you go, what you do, or how much you get* it doesn't fill the hole inside - not for long. Jesus predicted, ***"You will thirst again."***

And Jesus goes on to say, **"But whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst. But the water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life."** The spirit of a Christian becomes an artesian well bubbling up with a *transcendent joy, an inner harmony, a fervent love.*

Living water wells up within a true believer. Jesus alone can quench our deep down thirst. You and I were made for God. The hole inside us is Jesus-shaped.

Only Jesus can fill our inner emptiness!

Here's another name for *living water* - ***"everlasting life."*** It's not just long life - it's full, deep, abundant life. It speaks of

quality, not just **quantity**. And it's available today, to the person who opens themselves to Jesus!

In verse 15, "The woman said to Him, "Sir, give me this water, that I may not thirst, nor come here to draw."

She takes the bait. At least she's curious. In the words of the old Sprite commercial, she's "obeying her thirst!" "Give me this water..." she says... But there's a prerequisite she has to meet. It's called **repentance**.

And Jesus explains what it means in her context...

"Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here." The woman answered and said, "I have no husband." (He knew she had no husband.) Jesus said to her, "You have well said, 'I have no husband, for you have had five husbands, and the one whom you now have is not your husband; in that you spoke truly."

Notice, Jesus didn't consider her current live-in to be her husband. Just because a couple lives together it doesn't mean they're married in God's eyes. Jesus tells her, "*And the one whom you now have is not your husband.*" God recognizes and honors *the commitment of marriage*, not *the convenience of shacking up*.

Jesus wants to quench this woman's thirst, but first He needs to deal with her rebellion. When she receives the living water, she'll need a new lifestyle to sustain it.

"The woman said to Him, "Sir, I perceive that You are a prophet." It dawns on her there's something special about Jesus. *Yet in verse 19, she changes the subject.*

This is what we often do. Jesus pokes at a sin, and we shift topics. The woman says, “Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, and you Jews say that in Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship.”

Jews worshipped in Jerusalem on Mount Moriah. Samaritans nearby on Mount Gerizim. *Who was right?* The woman is just trying to *avoid the truth by arguing theology*. But Jesus answers her question in verse 21.

“Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe Me, the hour is coming when you will **neither** on this mountain (in Samaria), nor in Jerusalem, worship the Father. You worship what you do not know; we know what we worship, for salvation is of the Jews.”

Jesus settles the controversy, “*salvation is of the Jews.*” The Jews, not the Samaritans, were the custodians of Scripture, the sacrificial system, and the proper worship of God.

In essence, Jesus is saying, “There is a right and wrong way to worship God - and the Jews have been right. *But it’s a moot point, for a change is coming...*”

Verse 23, “The hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him.

God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.” With the coming of Messiah, changes occurred. Jesus was now God’s Temple on earth, *replacing the temple on both mountains*. God no longer dwells in stone houses, but in *believing hearts*.

Today, when I visit Jerusalem and its sacred Wailing Wall, the last remnant of the Temple, the Holy Spirit always speaks

this verse, verse 23, to my heart, “True worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth.”

Logistics no longer matter. Holy days and spaces are irrelevant. True worship is now a matter of the heart.

For Jesus said, “God is spirit.” God lacks physical restraints. He has no properties that confine Him to a single location. God is everywhere, at all times.

And Jesus is telling this Samaritan woman to stop limiting God to a mountain top, or a temple, or a church building for that matter. He’s no longer found in brick and mortar, but in “Spirit and truth.” The true God is understood biblically and experienced spiritually.

No matter your location or surroundings, all you need to connect to God is an *open Bible* and an *open heart*. Real worship occurs *by the Spirit - through the Word*.

In verse 25, this lady responds to Jesus, “The woman said to Him, “I know that Messiah is coming” (who is called Christ). “When He comes, He will tell us all things.” Jesus said to her, “I who speak to you am He.”

Jesus clearly claimed to be the Messiah of Israel.

“And at this point, His disciples came (they make it back with their bagels and *bigotry*), and they marveled that He talked with a woman; yet no one said, “What do You seek?” or, “Why are You talking with her?”

Yet that’s what they thought... they were still tainted by racism and misogyny. They still have a ways to go.

Verse 28, “The woman then left her water-pot, went her way into the city, and said to the men, “Come, see a Man who told me all things that I ever did. Could this be the Christ?” Then they went out of the city and came to Him.” This is fascinating - exposure to the townspeople was the very thing she’d tried to avoid by coming to the well at noon. *Now she seeks it out...*

Apparently, shame no longer torments this woman. She goes from *outcast* to *broadcast*. A single slurp of living water gave her boldness. Once she had God's forgiveness she was oblivious to her past. She’s now caught up in Jesus. All that matters is sharing Him.

Verse 31, “In the meantime His disciples urged Him, saying, “Rabbi, eat.” But He said to them, “I have food to eat of which you do not know.” Therefore the disciples said to one another, “Has anyone brought Him anything to eat?” Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to finish His work.” Again, Jesus talks *figuratively*, yet His disciples interpret Him *literally*... **Jesus fed on the will of God.**

Normally when I think of “soul food” I envision *turnip greens, black-eyed peas, collards, gizzards, pigs’ feet...* But real soul food is to hear and do God’s will.

Verse 35, “Do you not say, 'There are still four months and then comes the harvest'? Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes and look at the fields, for they are already white for harvest!” It was about four months til the actual harvest. But Jesus was focused on a harvest of souls, *beginning with this*

thirsty Samaritan. She'd lost at love five times, yet Jesus gave her a new start.

And this harvest continues... In fact, Jesus now lays out some principles that govern our participation in it...

“And he who reaps receives wages, and gathers fruit for eternal life, that both he who sows and he who reaps may rejoice together. For in this the saying is true: 'One sows and another reaps.’” Sometimes we **sow** seeds of truth in fertile minds. At other times, we **reap** decisions and witness the sprouting of new faith.

Jesus says to His disciples. “I sent you to reap that for which you have not labored; others have labored, and you have entered into their labors.” He's probably referring to John the Baptist. John sowed seed and set the stage. Jesus had been reaping from John's labor.

Perhaps John had influenced the Samaritan woman.

“And many of the Samaritans of that city believed in (Jesus) because of the word of the woman who testified, “He told me all that I ever did.” The townsfolk saw the change in this lady and believed what she said about Jesus. She didn't yet know a lot of the Gospel, but her life had changed, proving “One witness with enthusiasm is better than 99 persons with knowledge.”

“So when the Samaritans had come to Him, they urged Him to stay with them; and He stayed there two days.” Jesus loved them enough to *hang out* and *straighten out* the Samaritan's confused theology.

“And many more believed because of His own word.

Then they said to the woman, "Now we believe, not because of what you said, for we ourselves have heard Him and we know that this is indeed the Christ, the Savior of the world." The Samaritans didn't just take the woman's word. They believed in Jesus personally.

"Now after the two days He departed from there and went to Galilee. For Jesus Himself testified that a prophet has no honor in his own country. When He came to Galilee, the Galileans received Him, having seen all the things He did in Jerusalem at the feast; for they also had gone to the feast. So Jesus came again to Cana of Galilee where He had made the water wine.

And there was a certain nobleman whose son was sick at Capernaum." This sick son was 16 miles away.

But "When (the nobleman) heard that Jesus had come out of Judea into Galilee, he went to Him and implored Him to come down and heal his son, for he was at the point of death. Then Jesus said to him, "Unless you people see signs and wonders, you will by no means believe." Jesus was frustrated with the Jews' obsession with miracles. They clamored for signs and lusted for the spectacular. They were more interested in *a seat at the circus* than *a commitment to the Christ*.

But this official cared only for his son. "The nobleman said to (Jesus), "Sir, come down before my child dies!"

Jesus said to him, "Go your way; your son lives."

So the man believed the word that Jesus spoke to him, and he went his way. And as he was now going down, his

servants met him and told him, saying, "Your son lives!" And here is where the plot thickens... "Then he inquired of them the hour when he got better. And they said to him, "Yesterday at the seventh hour the fever left him. So the father knew that it was at the same hour in which Jesus said to him, "Your son lives."

And he himself believed, and his whole household.

This again is the second sign Jesus did when He had come out of Judea into Galilee." When Jesus turned the water to wine He did instantly what it takes nature years. Now He heals this boy 16 miles away and reveals His power over distance. Time and space were inconsequential to Jesus. He is the Lord of both!

Chapter 5, "After this, there was a feast of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem." John doesn't tell us which feast. "Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate a pool, which is called in Hebrew, Bethesda, having five porches." "Bethesda" is "house of grace."

The sheep gate was inside the northeast wall of the city of Jerusalem. The area consisted of two pools built over a hot springs. The pools were surrounded by a colonnade and were the site of a public bath. *But a spiritual phenomenon had changed the pools use...*

Verse 3, "In these (five porches) lay a great multitude of sick people, blind, lame, paralyzed, waiting for the moving of the water. For an angel went down at a certain time into the pool and stirred up the water; then whoever stepped in first, after the stirring of the water, was made well of whatever disease he had."

It seems these pools had become an infirmary for the hopeless. A story had begun that an angel would splash, and the first person in the pool after the splash would be healed. There had to be some truth to the story or there wouldn't always be a crowd expecting a healing. It was likely rare, but there had been miracles.

“Now a certain man was there who had an infirmity 38 years.” He may've suffered from polio at an early age or been the victim of an injury. But he'd been crippled a long time. Imagine, never taking a walk, or pushing a plow. He'd spent four decades at floor level.

“When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he already had been in that condition a long time, He said to him, “Do you want to be made well?” The sick man answered Him, “Sir, I have no man to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; but while I am coming, another steps down before me.” He doesn't even answer the question; *instead he's full of excuses.*

Apparently, it's possible to get so used to a plague or an infirmity that we become reluctant to turn it loose. Think of the alcoholic. He destroys his life, but the *stronghold of his habit* is greater than his *willingness to change*. After 38 years, it's easy to lie down and give in.

You can capitulate to your condition and give up the dream of a better life. This man by the pool blamed everyone else for beating him out of his miracle, but the real problem was he'd lost faith! He was waiting on the waters to be stirred, *but Jesus stirs up his idle faith!*

“Jesus said to him, “Rise, take up your bed and walk.” And immediately the man was made well, took up his bed, and walked.” Here’s a man, bedridden 38 years, yet Jesus tells him to walk... All God’s miracles begin with impossible commands. This is God's way.

He asks us to believe the unbelievable, and when we do, He releases the power to effect the change.

In a micro-millisecond - between the time this man's faith prompted the nerve impulse from his brain to his legs - God supplied the strength he previously lacked.

The lame man who needed help just to crawl into the pool is now walking home and carrying his bedroll!

It’s also important to note, there were other needy people at the pool that day, but Jesus didn't heal them. And we wonder *why?* The answer, “We don't know.”

Certainly, none of us deserve God’s healing. Any healing is an act of grace. The fact God heals one, yet allows another more godly person to die is a mystery.

The bottom line is healing is God’s prerogative. He’s sovereign. It’s not for us to question His purposes.

And notice the last line of verse 9, “And that day was the Sabbath.” Jesus could’ve healed this man six other days of the week, but He chose the last day, Shabbat.

In verse 8, when Jesus tells the lame man “Take up your bed and walk”, He uses an interesting Greek word for “walk.” It means “to walk around, to take a stroll.”

The man is to show off Jesus' miracle. At times, the angel might've stirred up the waters, but here Jesus will stir up some controversy about the Sabbath Laws.

Verse 10, "The Jews therefore said to him who was cured, "It is the Sabbath; it is not lawful for you to carry your bed."

Here's religion in a nutshell. Let's ignore a miracle and criticize its recipient for carrying his bedroll on a holy day. Focus on the trivial and miss the vital.

The Jews questioned the former lame man, and "He answered them, "He who made me well said to me, 'Take up your bed and walk.' "Then they asked him, "Who is the Man who said to you, 'Take up your bed and walk'?" But the one who was healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had withdrawn, a multitude being in that place... Afterward Jesus found him in the temple, and said to him, "See, you have been made well. Sin no more, lest a worse thing come upon you."

Notice, Jesus returned to finish what He started with this man. He didn't heal his lame legs so those legs would run to sin again. The man's healing was the first step in his cleansing! Jesus tells him, "*sin no more.*"

Verse 15, "The man departed and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had made him well. For this reason the Jews persecuted Jesus, and sought to kill Him, because He had done these things on the Sabbath."

"But Jesus answered them, "My Father has been working until now, and I have been working." Since the Father works

on the Sabbath, so does the Son. If a family business is open Saturdays, all the family works.

Recall when God created the universe, He did so in six days. On the seventh day or Sabbath, He rested. But man's sin shattered God's rest, and since He's been working relentlessly to redeem fallen people. In healing on the Sabbath, Jesus was following His Father's lead.

“Therefore the Jews sought all the more to kill Him, because He not only broke the Sabbath, but also said that God was His Father, making Himself equal with God.” Remember the Jewish mindset... **The son of an animal is an animal... the son of a human is a human... thus the Son of God is God.** For Jesus to refer to God as His Father, He was claiming to be God.

Now from here to the end of Chapter 5, Jesus testifies to His deity. “Then Jesus answered and said to them, “Most assuredly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, but what He sees the Father do; for whatever He does, the Son also does in like manner.”

Jesus was no lone wolf. Everything He did was His Father's will. “For the Father loves the Son, and shows Him all things that He Himself does; and He will show Him greater works than these, that you may marvel.

For as the Father raises the dead and gives life to them, even so the Son gives life to whom He will.”

The strongest proof for Jesus' deity was His mastery over death. The rabbis taught that **Yahweh held three great keys - the key to open the heavens and to give rain - the key to open the womb and give conception - and the key to open the**

grave and raise the dead. Three times in Jesus' ministry He raised the dead, proving He was God. He held the key to life and death.

He says in verse 22, "For the Father judges no one, but has committed all judgment to the Son, that all should honor the Son just as they honor the Father."

In **Genesis 18:25** Yahweh was called the "**Judge of all the earth.**" But the Father delegated this position to His Son. This makes Jesus God's Son and *your judge*.

Verse 23 is a stronger statement still, "He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent Him." The Father shares His honor and glory with the Son. Thus, to disrespect one is to disrespect the other.

Often you'll hear someone say, "*Oh, I'm good with God.*" Yet *that person rejects Jesus!* Despite what a person says, they don't love God if they reject His Son.

"Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life."

Our world is a walking graveyard, full of moving, breathing corpses, headed for judgment. Folks are *alive physically*, but *dead spiritually*. Yet when you take seriously Jesus' words you pass from death to life.

Jesus says, "Most assuredly, I say to you, the hour is coming, and now is, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God; and those who hear will live. For as the Father has life in Himself, so He has granted the Son to have life in

Himself, and has given Him authority to execute judgment also, because He is the Son of Man.” The OT, Daniel 7:13, refers to Messiah as “the Son of Man.” Here, Jesus claims to be Him.

God created life, and He’s given to Jesus the authority to judge humans and distribute eternal life.

Jesus is the only authorized dealer in eternal life! To live forever with God you got to go through Jesus!

Jesus says, “Do not marvel at this; for the hour is coming in which all who are in the graves will hear His voice and come forth - those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of condemnation.” Every human who’s lived and died still exists as a disembodied spirit.

Yet one day these flesh and bone bodies, whether buried or cremated, will be resurrected and reunited with our spirits. Even bodies blown up in war or dismembered in injury, God has the power to regather their molecules and perform a miracle of resurrection.

One day, everybody’s body will rise at the command of Jesus, to be assigned by Him an eternal destination. *Resurrected to life in heaven - or sadly, to life in hell.*

Jesus says, verse 30, “I can of Myself do nothing. As I hear, I judge; and My judgment is righteous, because I do not seek My own will but the will of the Father who sent Me.” Rather than take His own initiative, all that Jesus thought and did was synced with God’s will.

He says in verse 31, "If I bear witness of Myself, My witness is not true." Jesus is drawing on the protocols of Jewish Courts. A single testimony was inadmissible.

It took two or three witnesses to validate a claim.

Here, Jesus tells us not to simply accept His word. He appeals to five witnesses as proof that He is God.

First is **John the Baptist**... "There is another who bears witness of Me, and I know that the witness which He witnesses of Me is true. You have sent to John, and he has borne witness to the truth. Yet I do not receive testimony from man, but I say these things that you may be saved. He was the burning and shining lamp, and you were willing for a time to rejoice in his light."

John the Baptist testified Jesus was the Messiah.

But here's another witness in the case for Jesus, **His miracles**. "But I have a greater witness than John's; for the works which the Father has given Me to finish - the very works that I do bear witness of Me, that the Father has sent Me." Though modern scholars enjoy casting doubt on the legitimacy of Jesus' miracles, interestingly no one alive at the time ever denied their authenticity.

His enemies said He worked His miracles by sorcery and demonic power, but they couldn't deny that the miracles happened. Too many eyes saw them occur.

Even, the Jewish historian, Flavius Josephus, *not a Christian*, called Jesus "a doer of startling deeds."

Verse 37 highlights a third witness. “And the Father Himself, who sent Me, has testified of Me.” **The Father in heaven** testified of Jesus at His baptism and at His Transfiguration. In both cases, He spoke from heaven, **“This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.”**

Yet the Jews didn’t hear God’s voice, “You have neither heard His voice at any time, nor seen His form. But you do not have His word abiding in you, because whom He sent, Him you do not believe.” God set it up spiritually so that you have to believe Him to hear Him. The Jews refused to believe, thus they never heard.

The fourth witness is the **Scripture**. Verse 39, “You search the Scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life; and these are they which testify of Me.”

The OT is the story of Israel, but it’s more. God weaved into the story types and prophecies pointing to His Son. The Jews read and knew the Scripture, but they missed God’s Story. They failed to see Jesus.

Jesus says in verse 40, “But you are not willing to come to Me that you may have life. I do not receive honor from men. But I know you, that you do not have the love of God in you. I have come in My Father's name, and you do not receive Me; if another comes in his own name, him you will receive.” And this has been the sad history of the Jews. They rejected Jesus but then fell for every false Messiah who came after Him.

In verse 44, Jesus asks “How can you believe, who receive honor from one another, and do not seek the honor that

comes from the only God? Do not think that I shall accuse you to the Father; there is one who accuses you - Moses, in whom you trust. For if you believed Moses, you would believe Me; for he wrote about Me. But if you do not believe his writings, how will you believe My words?" And the fifth witness that testifies of Jesus' deity was **Moses**. In Deuteronomy 18, Moses called Messiah a prophet like himself. Moses spoke of Jesus, so *why didn't the Jews believe in Him?*

They plotted to kill Him. The Jews rejected His five-fold witness: **John, His miracles, the Father, the Scriptures, and Moses**. Don't you reject Jesus! Instead, drink His living water and you'll never thirst again!