

Catalyst

The woman was surprised, for Jews refuse to have anything to do with Samaritans. She said to Jesus, "You are a Jew, and I am a Samaritan woman. Why are you asking me for a drink?"

*Jesus replied, "If you only knew
the gift God has for you and who
you are speaking to, you would
ask me, and I would give you
living water."*

“But sir, you don’t have a rope or a bucket,” she said, “and this well is very deep. Where would you get this living water? And besides, do you think you’re greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us this well? How can you offer better water than he and his sons and his animals enjoyed?”

Jesus replied, "Anyone who drinks this water will soon become thirsty again. But those who drink the water I give will never be thirsty again. It becomes a fresh, bubbling spring within them, giving them eternal life."

*“Please, sir,” the woman said,
“give me this water! Then I’ll
never be thirsty again, and I
won’t have to come here to get
water.” “Go and get your
husband,” Jesus told her. “I don’t
have a husband,” the woman
replied.*

Jesus said, “You’re right! You don’t have a husband—for you have had five husbands, and you aren’t even married to the man you’re living with now. You certainly spoke the truth!”

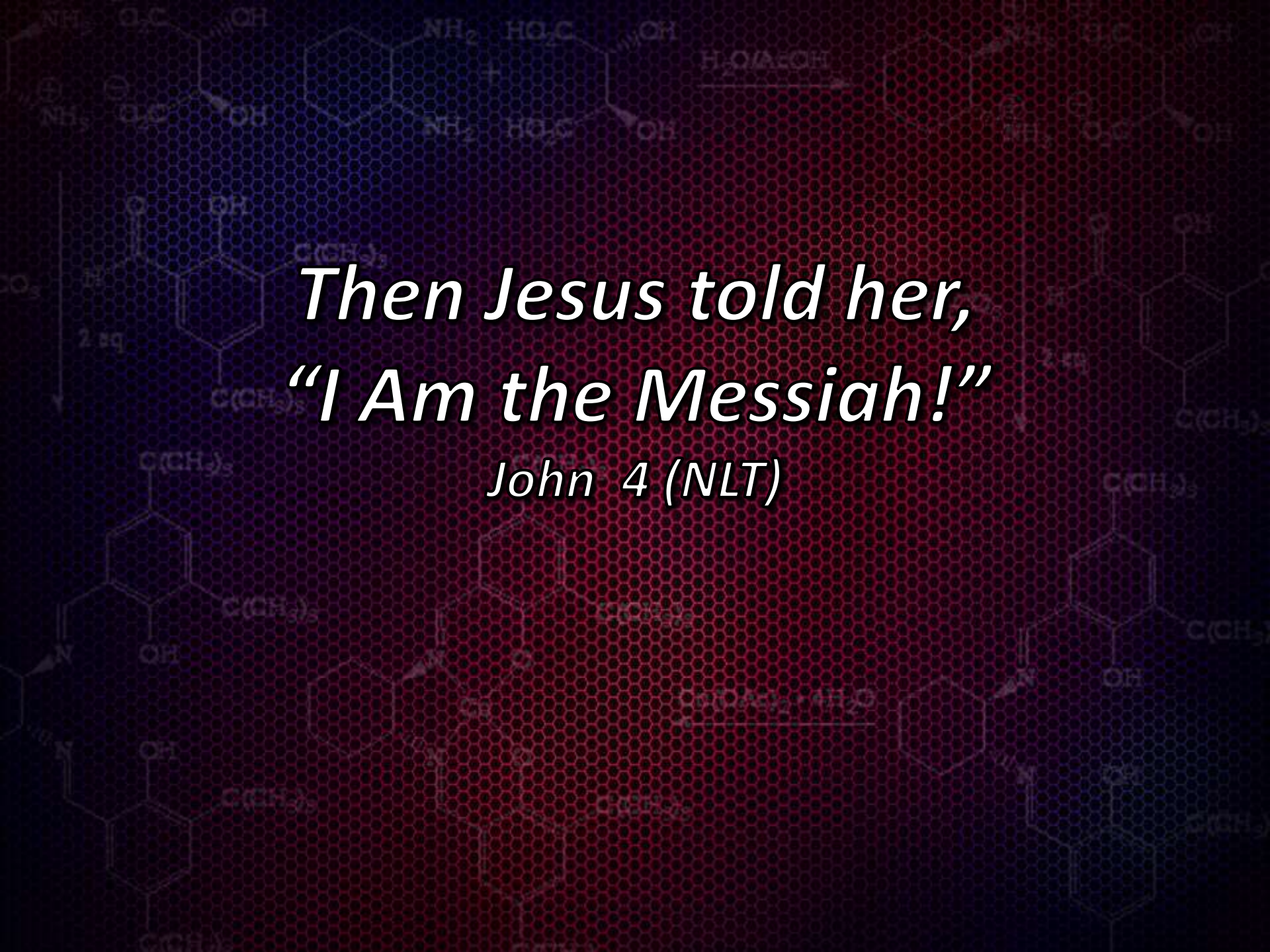
“Sir,” the woman said, “you must be a prophet. So tell me, why is it that you Jews insist that Jerusalem is the only place of worship, while we Samaritans claim it is here at Mount Gerizim, where our ancestors worshiped?”

Jesus replied, "Believe me, dear woman, the time is coming when it will no longer matter whether you worship the Father on this mountain or in Jerusalem. You Samaritans know very little about the one you worship, while we Jews know all about him,

*for salvation comes through the
Jews. But the time is coming—
indeed it's here now—when true
worshippers will worship the
Father in spirit and in truth. The
Father is looking for those who
will worship him that way.*

For God is Spirit, so those who worship him must worship in spirit and in truth.”

The woman said, “I know the Messiah is coming—the one who is called Christ. When he comes, he will explain everything to us.”

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*Then Jesus told her,
“I Am the Messiah!”*

John 4 (NLT)

Many Samaritans from the village believed in Jesus because the woman had said, "He told me everything I ever did!" When they came out to see him, they begged him to stay in their village. So he stayed for two days,

*long enough for many more to
hear his message and believe.
Then they said to the woman,
“Now we believe, not just
because of what you told us, but
because we have heard him
ourselves. Now we know that he
is indeed the Savior of the world.”*

