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A just weight
and balance

are the
LORD'S:

Thus saith the Lord...

- **John 4:39**

And many of the Samaritans of that city believed on him for the saying of the woman, which testified,

He told me all that ever I did.

4:40 *So when the Samaritans were come unto him, they besought him that he would tarry with them: and he abode there two days.*

- Once the Samaritans had been introduced to Christ, they sought his company.

- They asked him to stay with them that they might learn of him and come to know him better.

- **John 4:41**

*And many more believed
because of his own word;*

- **4:42** *And said unto the woman,
Now we believe,
not because of thy saying:
for we have heard him ourselves,
and know that
this is indeed
the Christ,
the Savior of the world.*

Let us note how there is
a remarkable display
of titles for Jesus:

John 4:9-42

- **“A Jew”**
- **“A prophet”**
- **“Messiah”**
- **“Christ”**
- **“I AM”**
- **“Savior of the World”**

- Such a list is **not accidental.**
- Do not overlook how titles of respect **evolve into titles of belief.**

- Faith grows **little** by **little.**

- **2 Peter 3:18**

***But grow in grace,
and in the knowledge of
our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.***

- **“Savior of the world”**
(John 4:42; 1 John 4:14)

- It is only in **John’s writings** that we find this tremendous title.

- Jesus is indeed Savior.
- He rescues men from evil and hopeless situations;
- He breaks the chains that bind us to our past
 - And enables us to meet the future.

- The Samaritan woman is in fact the great example of his saving power.
 - She no doubt appeared beyond redemption.
- The most unlikely souls often prove to be the most ready to respond.
- *Let us not grow weary in well-doing.*
(Galatians 6:9)

- But Jesus came and doubly rescued her;
- He enabled her to break away from the past
- And opened a new future to her.
- There is no title adequate to describe Jesus except Savior of the World.

- There is little use in telling people that Christ will bring them joy and peace, if our own lives are gloomy, worried and defeated.

- The world still needs a Savior;
- It is a sick world
(Matthew 9:12).
- It was a cursed world,
needing a Savior
(Acts 3:26).
- It is a lost world
(Luke 19:10).

- John 4:43

*Now after two days
he departed,
and went into Galilee.*

4:44 *For Jesus himself
testified,
that a prophet
has no honor
in his own country.*

• **John 4:45**

*Then when he was
come into Galilee,
the Galilaeans
received him,
having seen
all the things
that he did
at Jerusalem
at the feast:...*

- It was an ancient proverb with much the same meaning as our own

"familiarity breeds contempt."

- But John introduces it **in a very strange place.**

- The other gospels introduce it on occasions **when Jesus was rejected** by his own countrymen;

- John introduces it on an occasion **when he was accepted.**

- **The Samaritans** believed in Jesus, not because of **someone else's story**
- But because they themselves had **first-hand testimony.**

- The Galilaeans
believed in him,
not because someone
had told them about him
- But because of what
they had seen him
do in Jerusalem.
- Things never seen before.⁸

- But hard hearts
do not melt easily.

- **Mark 3:5**

*And he had looked
round about on them
with anger,
being grieved for
the hardness
*of their hearts,**

- Something happened later in Samaria that is amazing.
- We find these hated Jews more receptive to the gospel than ever expected.
- Why did that happen?

- **Acts 8:3**

As for Saul, he made havock of the church, ...

- **8:4** Therefore they that were scattered abroad went every where **preaching the word.**

- **8:5** Then Philip went down to the **city of Samaria,**
and preached Christ unto them.

- Acts 8:6

And the people
with one accord

gave heed unto those things

which Philip spoke, ...

- 8:8 And there was
great joy in that city.

- Sadly, today you will find some who are more interested in some church feud,
 - Or some theological debate.
- 2 Thessalonians 2:10
”*received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved.*”

- **The whole purpose**
of a sermon
is to draw someone
closer to Christ.
 - In today's world,
this is not a given,
even among church folks.

- People have so many different sources of information that it is very easy to get **distracted from the truth,**
- And find themselves **dabbling** in other doctrines.
- **Be ever on guard.**

1Thessalonians 5:21

***Prove all things;
hold fast that which is good.***

- **2 Corinthians 11:3**

*But I fear, lest by any means,
as the serpent beguiled Eve
in his craftiness,
your minds should be corrupted
from the simplicity
and the purity
that is in Christ.*

- **2 Timothy 3:13**

*But evil men and impostors
shall wax worse and worse,
deceiving and being deceived.*

2 Timothy 3:14

But continue in the things which you have learned...

- 3:15

....which are able to make you wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

Let us then see what Paul says
of the usefulness of scripture.

(# 1) He says that
the Scriptures
give the wisdom
which
will bring salvation.

How many have found life futile and meaningless.

- How many have waded through

book after book

and

philosophy after philosophy

in an attempt to find satisfaction.

- But have never found it.

- The writings of mere men

offer nothing beyond this life.

John 18:37

Pilate therefore said unto him,

Art thou a king then?

Jesus answered,

To this end was I born,

and for this cause

came I

into the world,

- No man or woman seeking for truth has any right to neglect the reading of the Bible.

- Why?

- It is a book with an **amazing tract record**
- So much so that it must not be **disregarded.**
- For there is a saving wisdom here **that is in no other book.**

- All theories,
- All theologies,
- All ethics,
- Are to be tested
against the Bible.

- **If they contradict**
the teaching of the Bible,
they are to be refused.
 - It is our duty
to use our minds
and test every doctrine
with the teaching
of Jesus Christ.

- The study of the Scriptures trains a man/woman **in righteousness.**
- We must study the Scriptures **to make ourselves useful** to God and to his fellow-men.

- Sometimes people want to know all about salvation before they know the Savior.
- Some things we can know only by experience.
 - Jesus Christ is one of them.

- We can know much about Jesus without really knowing Him.
- Only when we come to know the “*Savior of the world*” do we begin to know and understand His “*unsearchable riches*” (**Ephesians 3:8**).

- “**Savior of the world**”
points beyond
Jewish and Samaritan
cultural frontiers.
- God’s work in Christ
is not **limited** to Israel
(or Samaria).
- This is an early glimpse of
the universal mission
of Jesus.

- Jesus remarks in **John 10:16** that He has “*other sheep that are not of this sheep fold. I must bring them also.*”
- His light shines for all (**John 1:9**).
 - For “every nation, tribe, people, and language” (**Rev. 7:9**).

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*For Jesus himself testified,
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- The proverbial saying that a prophet has no honor with those who know him well **is mentioned frequently by Jesus** (Mt. 13:57; Mark 6:4; Lk. 4:24).

- It is equivalent to our saying that **familiarity breeds contempt.**

- They had spent time with Him but He still was not really accepted (John 2:24-25; 4:48).
 - They experienced no true belief,
- Because they thought him too inferior and too common.

Matthew 13:55

Is not this the carpenter's son? Is not his mother called Mary? And are not his brothers James and Joseph and Simon and Judas?

13:56 And are not all his sisters with us?
Where then did this man get all these things?"

13:57 And they took offense at him. But Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor except in his hometown and in his own household."

13:58 And he did not do many mighty works there, because of their unbelief.

- Jesus reaches Galilee in verse 45.
- ***So when He came to Galilee, the Galileans received Him, having seen all the things that He did in Jerusalem at the feast; for they themselves also went to the feast.***
- Good news or not?

- The welcome of the Galileans was actually a rejection of Him and His mission,
 - For they were interested only in His miracles,
 - They were not welcoming a Messiah who could save them,
 - But a miracle worker who could amaze them.

- ***The Galilaeans welcomed him.***
 - They **never** had before.
 - **Luke** records that when Jesus identified himself as the Messiah in the synagogue of **his home town of Nazareth,**
 - ***"all in the synagogue ... led him to the brow of the hill on which their city was built, that they might throw him down headlong,"***
(Luke 4:28-29).

- **We now note:**

- **1John 4:14**

***And we have seen
and do testify
that the Father
sent the Son
to be the
Savior of the world.***

- What have the Galileans missed that the Samaritans didn't?

(# 1) Jesus brings life.

- (1John 4:9).
- There is a world of difference between existence and life.
- All men have existence but all do not have life.

- The eagerness with which men seek pleasure shows that there is something missing in their lives.
 - Jesus gives:
 - A goal for living;
 - Strength to reach that goal;
 - Living with Christ turns mere existence into fullness of life.

(# 2) Jesus restores
man's lost relationship with God.

- No longer is man
the enemy of God.

- The
“Savior of the world”
has made it possible
for man to enter into
a new relationship
of peace and friendship
with God.

- (# 3) The Savior of the world frees man from himself.
- From habits which have become their shackles;
- From his temptations;
 - From his fears and anxieties;
 - From his stupidity and mistakes.
- Jesus enables man to to face time and eternity.

- The Savior of the world brings mankind into a new relationship to God.

- A relationship that brings men into:
 - God's grace,
 - God's love,
 - God's forgiveness.

- The ending of the Gospel story of the woman at the well finishes with her people becoming completely convinced that Jesus is the *Savior of the entire world.*

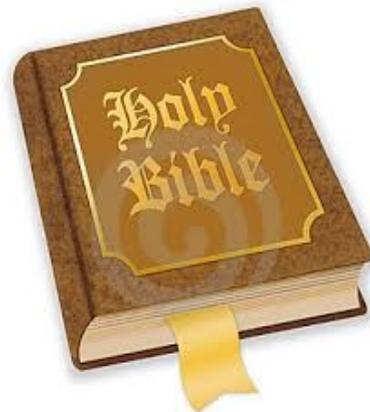
- They have reached a life-changing moment.
- May we find it ourselves.

- **Think on these things**
- **Philippians 4:8**

**The doors of the church
are open.**

**The Spirit and the Bride
Say
“Come”.**

Revelation 22:17



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