

# **LISTEN TO CHRIST'S WITNESS**

## **John 3:1 – 4:42**

**Today let's consider Christ's words about salvation.**

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### **I. EVANGELIZING A "SAINT" - John 3:1-18**

#### **A. NIC'S QUALITIES (1-2a)**

- He is curious, religious and prominent

#### **B. NIC'S CONFESSION (2b)**

- Christ is honorable, divinely commissioned and impressive

#### **C. CHRIST'S CONFRONTATION (3)**

1. Directing Nicodemus to consider God's program and not simply God's person
2. Christ's first words are for Nicodemus to think about his condition and not his confession

#### **D. NIC'S CONFUSION (4)**

1. How can one be "born" again?
2. His focus is only on the physical and not the spiritual

#### **E. CHRIST'S CLARIFICATION (5-8)**

1. Salvation is personal and conditional
2. Spiritual birth is required ... you cannot skip this part

#### **F. NIC'S QUESTION (9)**

- How can these things be? (See I Cor. 2:14)

#### **G. CHRIST'S CONCLUSION (14-18)**

##### **1. God's Prescription (14-15)**

- Here's how to be born again.

- a. The Son of Man must be lifted up – See Num. 21:4-9
- b. The sinful man must look up - I John 4:9-10

##### **2. God's Passion (16-18)**

- Here's why you can be born again!
- God loves you (16)

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## II. **EVANGELIZING A SINNER** - John 4:7-42

### A. THE WOMEN'S SITUATION (7-12)

1. Surprised (7-9)
2. Skeptical (10-12)
  - a. Christ claims to be able to give her water (10)
  - b. She notes that He does not have the right resources for such an offer (11)
  - c. She indicates that He has the wrong credentials. (12)

### B. CHRIST'S OBSERVATIONS (13-14)

1. Her water is limited (13)
2. His water is lasting (14)

### C. CONTINUED INTERACTION (15-26)

1. Her Request (15)
  - Give me the water ... the benefits sound great!
2. Christ's Response (16-18)
  - a. Not just yet ...
  - b. People will see no need of a Savior if they sense no knowledge of sin!
3. Her Reaction (19-20)
  - Perception (19) and digression (20)
4. Christ's Revelation (21-26)
  - a. The nature of worship (21-24)
  - b. The fulfillment of hope (25-26)

### D. THE CITY'S INVESTIGATION (28-30, 39-42)

1. She told (28-30)
2. They turned (30)
3. Many trusted (39-42)

## **CONCLUSION:**

### **Have you listened to Christ's witness?**

1. You might be "saintly" but are you truly born again?
  - Religiousness will not save you.
2. You might think you are too shameful for Jesus, but the truth is Christ loves to interact with sinners.

### **Are you saved? Are you sure? Will you come to Jesus today?**

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