Jesus’ Mission for the Father’s Worship and the Salvation of the World (4:1-42)

1. *Jesus’ Mission Drives His Every Action (vv.1-6)*
2. *Jesus’ Mission Aims at Providing Living Water to Thirsty Sinners (vv.7-15)*
3. Jesus’ Mission Eternally Transforms Worship (vv.16-26)
   1. Jesus exposes sin to prepare sinners for what He offers (vv.16-18)
   2. Jesus explains the radical truth of New Covenant worship (vv.19-24)
      1. Her short-sighted question (vv.19-20)
         1. She recognizes Him as a prophet
         2. She requests Him to settle the worship debate
      2. His astonishing answer (vv.21-24)
         1. The relocation of true worship (v.21)
            1. It will not be determined by geography
            2. It will be affected by the coming hour
            3. It will be directed toward the Father

As contrasted with her reliance on the “fathers” (cf. 4:20)

As we are made children of God (cf. 1:12)

As there is an inseparable connection between the Father and the Son (cf. 5:23; 14:6, 7, 24)

* + - 1. The essentials for true worship (v.22)
         1. Worship requires revelation

*“We are not to essay anything in religion rashly or unthinkingly. For unless there is knowledge present, it is not God that we worship but a spectre or ghost. Hence, all so-called good intentions are struck by this thunderbolt, which tells us that men can do nothing but err when they are guided by their own opinion without the Word or command of God.” (Calvin)*

* + - * 1. Worship requires a Savior
      1. The essence of true worship (v.23-24)
         1. The decisive factors in New Covenant worship

The cross, resurrection, and exaltation of Christ

The person of Christ (cf. 1:14; 2:19-21)

* + - * 1. The decisive requirements in New Covenant worship

In spirit (cf. 3:6)

In truth (cf. 14:6)

* + - * 1. The decisive reasons for New Covenant worship

The Father’s passionate pursuit for worshippers

God’s spiritual nature as the standard for true worship

He is not physical

So true worship does not primarily deal with physical but spiritual realities

He is outside of the realm of human experience

So true worship must be governed by His revelation.

He is unable to be confined to any one location

So true worship can be experienced universally in connection with His Son!

* 1. Jesus exclaims His identity as the Messiah (vv.25-26)
     1. She focuses on the expectation (cf. Deut. 18:18)
     2. He announces the fulfillment