

**The Liberating Power of The Truth (Part 2)**  
**How Truth Comes**

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**Text:** John 4:7-9 (NIV)

7 When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, “Will you give me a drink?” 8 (His disciples had gone into the town to buy food.) 9 The Samaritan woman said to him, “**You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink?**” (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans.)

**Part 1 Review:**

- **John 8:31-32** To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, “**If you hold to my teaching**, you are really my disciples. **32 Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.**”

**Note:** She heard one truth that changed her life

- **John 4:28-30** Then, leaving her water jar, the woman went back to the town and said to the people, **29 “Come, see a man who told me everything I ever did.** Could this be the Messiah?” **30** They came out of the town and made their way toward him.

**I. Three Ways Truth Came To The Samaritan Women**

1. It came from a **Jew**
2. It came from a **man**
3. It came from a **different theological perspective**

**II. Four Ways Truth Can Be Hidden From You**

1. **Racial bias** can deny people their true potential (She was a Samaritan women)
2. **Gender bias** can deny people their true potential (Women and in some cases; even men)
3. **Geographic isolation** (You need people to come to you from other places)
4. **Theological ignorance** (You can't do what you do not understand)

**Note:** John 4:21-24

<sup>21</sup>“Woman,” Jesus replied, “believe me, a time is coming when you will worship the Father **neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem.** <sup>22</sup>You Samaritans worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know, for salvation is from the Jews. <sup>23</sup>Yet **a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks.** <sup>24</sup>God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth.”

**Next Time: The Challenge of Telling Religious People the Truth**  
**Read Ahead: Matthew 23:1-12**

**Statement:** Religious people do not always read the signs

**Five Signs People Often Miss**

1. **Lifestyle** Signs (They cannot always see their inconsistencies)
2. **Tradition** Signs (They only know one way to the store)
3. **Pride** Signs (They do not know how to be wrong)
4. **Vision** Signs (They cannot see beyond where they are now)
5. **God's** Absence Signs (Can you tell when God has left)