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My Lord My God

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EXT. BARREN LANDSCAPE - DAY

A stark silhouette of a deer in the backdrop of afternoon sky; it looks around with thirst.

Deer is running in search of water. A distant voice repeatedly overlaps on its face.

VO/SONG

When can I go and see the face of God?

Wind increases and dry leaves flutter in the air.

Deer slow down its running hearing the voice. It raises its head and opens its mouth in search of water.

VOICE OVER (Ps 42:2-3)

As the deer longs for streams of
water, so my soul longs for you,
Oh God. My being thirsts for God,
the living God. When can I go
and see the face of God?

From deer's face (dissolve) to Nicodemus' face; Nicodemus lifts up a lantern in his hand. The light of the lantern illuminates his face. His eyes brighten in search of Jesus.

Dissolve to - Close-view of a water jar in Samaritan woman's hands; camera tilts up from the jar to her face. She is seen in a back drop of a well.

Dissolve to - Close-view of a crying face; from his face camera follows to his body. He is seen in the backdrop of a pool, the pool at Bethesda.

EXT/INT. BARREN LAND - NIGHT

Nicodemus sits in front of Jesus. He looks at Jesus with great devotion and asks.

NICODEMUS (Jn 3:2)

Rabbi, we know that you are a
teacher who has come from God,
for no one can do these signs
that you are doing unless God
is with him.

Jesus calmly looks at Nicodemus and says.

JESUS (Jn 3:3)

Amen, amen, I say to you, no
one can see the kingdom of God
without being born from above.

Nicodemus does not understand the exact meaning of Jesus' words.
He asks again.

NICODEMUS (Jn 3:4)

How can a person once grown old be
born again? Surely he cannot reenter
his mother's womb and be born again,
can he?

JESUS answers with a smile (Jn 3: 5-8)

Amen, amen, I say to you, no one can
enter the kingdom of God without
being born of water and Spirit.
What is born of flesh is flesh and
what is born of spirit is spirit.
Do not be amazed that I told you,
'You must be born from above. The
wind blows where it wills.

Wind blows on Nicodemus' face.

NICODEMUS says with doubt (Jn 3:9)

How can this happen?

A long view (silhouette) of a deer running in the backdrop of a
sunrise; deer passes;

EXT. BARREN LANDSCAPE - DAY

Long view of a barren landscape

VOICE OVER (Ps 42:2-3)

As the deer longs for streams of
water, so my soul longs for you,
O God. My being thirsts for God,
the living God. When can I go
and see the face of God?

A Samaritan woman, holding a pot in her hand comes from a
distance.

The woman is approaching the well. (View from the suggestion of the well)

From another side a deer is also approaching the well.

Samaritan woman is very happy to see the deer. She invites the deer to come near her.

SAMARITAN WOMAN

Hey, come here. Come near me. I
will give you drink.

The deer is approaching her.

She pours water in a pond (which is usually near the well for animals to drink water). Deer starts drinking water.

Suddenly Jesus' voice overlaps on Samaritan woman's face.

JESUS

Give me a drink.

Woman is shocked to hear that. She turns back.

Jesus is sitting in the other side of the well.

She looks at him with surprise.

Their eyes meet.

JESUS sees her and asks (Jn: 4-7)

Give me a drink.

Samaritan woman is surprised with his question. She does not expect such a question.

SAMARITAN WOMAN (Jn: 4-9)

How can you, a Jew, ask me,
a Samaritan woman, for a drink?

JESUS calmly says (Jn: 4-10)

Give me a drink, you would have
asked him and he would have
given you living water.

SAMARITAN WOMAN (Jn: 4:11,12)

Sir, you do not even have a bucket
and the cistern is deep; where then

can you get this living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob?

JESUS (Jn: 4:13, 14)
Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again; but whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst; the water I shall give will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.

Woman reaches very close to Jesus.

WOMAN (Jn: 4:15)
Sir, give me this water, so that I may not be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.

JESUS (Jn: 4:16)
Go call your husband and come back.

Suddenly she moves backwards.

WOMAN (Jn: 4:17)
I do not have a husband.

JESUS (Jn: 4:17, 18)
You are right in saying, I do not have a husband. For you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true.

While saying this healing light fills her body from Jesus.

She is surprised to hear that. She looks at Jesus in a new light. She folds her hands coming again near to Jesus with humbleness and tells him.

WOMAN (Jn 4:19, 20)
Sir, I can see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain; but you people say that the place to worship is in Jerusalem.

JESUS calmly tells her (Jn 4:21-24).
Believe me, woman, the hour is coming when you will worship the

Father neither on this mountain nor
in Jerusalem. God is Spirit, and
those who worship him must worship
in Spirit and truth.

In between the above dialogue a shot of the deer drinking water
can be shown

WOMAN (Jn 4:25)

I know that the Messiah is coming,
the one called the Anointed; when
he comes, he will tell us everything.

JESUS (Jn 4:26)

I am he, the one who is speaking with you.

While Jesus says this, divine light showers on the Samaritan
woman. She begins to shine and raise herself due to great
exclamation.

SAMARITAN WOMAN

I can now see the face of My God?
My Lord My God!

Apostles are coming from another side. They can see Jesus
talking to a woman.

Seeing it they look at it with doubt and wonder.

The woman keeps the water jar there and leaves. A view from
outer place, like someone else is watching it.

EXT. THREE-WAY JUNCTION - DAY

Deer listening to the sound of 'flowing water' from a stream
which can be heard (during deer's face dissolve to Nicodemus'
face) means listening to Jesus the living water.

The apostles see the Samaritan woman leaving from Jesus.

The apostles, who were coming back from the town, meet the
Samaritan woman on the way.

Apostles see the group of Nicodemus who is coming through
another way. Some local people can be seen in the way. All the
groups meet in a three Way Street like junction (apostles are
coming from one side; Samaritan woman and Nicodemus sides).

SAMARITAN WOMAN joyfully says to all.
I found the Messiah! I found the
Messiah! I am happy! I am fulfilled!
I am a new person! I must go to
proclaim this to all!

Hearing this, apostles are amazed.

The local men look at her.

SAMARITAN WOMAN says looking at them
Hey, you know me? You know how my
life was? I had five husbands. I
lived with a man who is not my
husband. But now, now my life is changed. I
am a new person.

People look at her with amazement.

While she moves fast wind blows her hair and dress.

Nicodemus, who is watching the joyful Samaritan woman, says with
deep thought.

NICODEMUS
Now, I know the meaning of what
Jesus said!

Hearing it all the others gather around him. But apostles go to
Jesus.

Camera zoom-in to Nicodemus' face

Like a flash back Jesus' speaking to Nicodemus is shown.

JESUS
Do not be amazed that I told you,
'You must be born from above. The
wind blows where it wills, and you
can hear the sound it makes, but
you do not know where it comes
from or where it goes; so it is with everyone who
is born of the Spirit.

EXT. SAMARITAN TOWN - DAY

The deer jumps with joy and runs through the forest with great energy.

Loud voice of the Samaritan woman overlaps on the street.

WOMAN (Jn 4:29)
Come. See a man who told me everything
I have done. Could he possibly be
the Messiah?

Woman walks through the street and repeats the words.

Hearing it men are astounded.

Some look at her with doubt.

An old man observes her keenly with deep thought.

Woman comes in front of her with excitement and repeats holding his hand.

WOMAN (Jn 4:29)
Come see a man who told me everything
I have done.

OLD MAN asks her.
Are you telling the truth?

WOMAN (Jn 4:29)
Come see a man who told me everything
I have done. Could he possibly be
the Messiah?

The old man does not answer. He looks at her in deep thought.

EXT. NEAR THE WELL - DAY

Apostles eagerly look at Jesus.

Jesus sits calmly and in divine posture.

Apostles look at each other. John is standing near Jesus while Peter, Thomas and Matthew are standing a bit far.

Peter looks at John.

John who stands beside Jesus moves close at him and urges him to eat. He has a piece of bread in his hand.

JOHN (Jn 4:31)
Rabbi, eat.

JESUS says calmly (Jn 4:32)
I have food to eat of which you do not know.

Apostles do not understand what Jesus said. They look at one another.

THOMAS asks Matthew with doubt (Jn 4:33)
Could someone have brought him
something to eat?

MATTHEW replies
I don't know?

Peter also does not say anything.

Jesus looks at them and starts talking.

JESUS (Jn 4:34)
My food is to do the will of the one
who sent me and to finish his work.

While he talks, visuals of the apostles, field, big crowd including the old man in the Samaritan town etc are shown. Camera pans through the crowd and holds on the old man.

Old man's eyes fill with tears. He folds his hand and tells Jesus in great love and devotion.

OLD MAN
You are the one and only true
saviour of all of us. We believe
in you Lord. We invite you to
stay with us.

Apostles are amazed to hear the invitation.

CROWD repeats the old man's word.
Please stay with us.

Jesus smiles at them.

More crowds arrive. Fast movement of the people to reach near Jesus

Seeing this Jesus says to the apostles.

JESUS

Do you not say, 'In four months' - the harvest
will be here? I tell you, look
up and see the fields ripe for the harvest.

Jesus raises his eyes and points the arriving crowd and points
his hand to the Samaritan woman.

JESUS

The reaper is already receiving his
payment and gathering crops for eternal life, so
that the sower and reaper can rejoice together.
For here the saying is verified that 'One sows
and another reaps'
(Jesus turns to the apostles again)
Sent you to reap what you have not
worked for; others have done the work,
and you are sharing the fruits of
their work.

Long view of the place; Crowd increases and everyone attentively
hear Jesus.

JESUS (Jn 3:16-18)

For God so loved the world, that he gave
his only-begotten Son, that whosoever believes on
him may not perish, but have life eternal. For
God has not sent his
Son into the world that he may judge the world,
but that the world may be saved through him. He
that believes on him is
not judged.

Crowd hears it with wonder. Nicodemus is in the crowd. Samaritan
woman and the old man are also in the crowd.
Old man is so happy to hear it. He tells her.

OLD MAN (Jn 4:42)

We no longer believe because of
your word; for we have heard for
ourselves, and we know that this
is truly the savior of the world.

As Jesus and the group are marching forward, the group of
Nicodemus come together near to Nicodemus and makes a small
circle by the side of the road. One of his disciples says to
Nicodemus.

MAN IN NICODEMUS' GROUP
Look, even the Samaritans who are
not so friendly with Jews also
believe in Jesus.

NICODEMUS says thoughtfully (Isiah 49-6)
It is written, I will make you a light
to the nations, that my salvation may
reach to the ends of the earth. The
wind blows where it wills.

Samaritan woman is walking with Jesus, apostles and others.

While walking Peter looks at the Samaritan woman and says.

PETER
Big harvest! Big catch! The Lord said
to me I will make you fishers of Men!
But you did it before me!

When one person renewed in the Lord, the whole land is brought
to the Lord!

Jesus walks from there followed by the apostles, Samaritan
woman, old man and large crowd. (Long view)

EXT. POOL OF BETHESDA - DAY

Long view of the big city of Jerusalem; a big gate (same gate in
the EPS Widow's Son) can be seen.

Large crowd gather in Bethesda. Large numbers of poor, withered
and sick people are there. Blind men, lame men and women,
handicapped people etc are seen. Many are resting on the ground
near the pond.

All are looking at the water.

Camera pans through the sick people and holds on a poor man
resting on the ground near the pool. He looks at the pool.

Water starts to move. Suddenly people gathered there rushes into
it.

A loud cry of the crowd can be heard. Fast movement of the
people can be seen. While water is stirring many wanted to be
the first to jump into the water to be healed. Shouting and
screaming can be heard.

MEN in the crowd shouts.

Hey... hyee... Stirring! Stirring!
Water is stiring.

2nd MAN in the crowd.
Hey, move fast.

3rd MAN in the crowd
Jump!

The turbulence of the water is seen. Some body pushes others and jumps in the water.

Everybody's attention is on the pool now. Many are around the pool. Nicodemaus and men in his group are already in this group too.

Infront of them, the one who jumped into the stirring water is now healed and climping up.

The resting man lying on a pallet tries to move and cries out loudly.

SICK MAN

Please help me, I... I cannot... please help.
Why nobody is helping me when the lord stirs
the water? Why nobody is looking at me? It
is 38 years. I am sick and lying here for 38
years. Oh God why have you abandon me?

Saying it he cries loudly.

But he cannot move. People rushes into the water.

Jesus and his disciples are passing through the place. Samaritan woman, old man and a large crowd are with him. (Nicodemus & Samaritan woman are shown in single different shots)

Seeing the rush and loudness Jesus looks at the place.

He sees the difficulty of the resting man and looks at him with compassion.

SICK MAN cries out loudly.

Oh lord...

VOICE OVER (Ps 42:2-3)

As the deer longs for streams of
water, so my soul longs for you,
O God. My being thirsts for God,
the living God. When can I go and
see the face of God?

Peter tells Jesus about the resting man.

Jesus looks at the man.

He also looks back at Jesus.

JESUS asks with love. (Jn 5:6)
Do you wish to get well?

The sick man answers. Tears come out from his eyes.

SICK MAN (Jn 5:7)
Sir, I have no man to put me into
the pool when the water is stirred
up.

Camera turns to the group of Nicodemus in the suggestion of
Jesus and the sick man.

One of the men in Nicodemus' group asks a question as if it is
triggered by the words of that man when he says the words,
,water is stirred'.

Camera turned to the group of Nicodamus in the suggestion of
Jesus and the sick man.

One of the team member of Nicodemus ask a question as if
triggered by the words of that man when he says "water is
stired".

MAN 1 in Nicodemus' group.
How the water is stired? Who stir the
water?

MAN 2 in Nicodemus' group says.
They belive that the spirit of the
Lord or an angel of the Lord could
be stirring the water.

NICODEMUS
Could be possible as the scripture
says, the Spirit of God was hovering
over the waters.

Camera now turns back to Jesus and sick man. In the background
we see Nicodemus and group watching carefully.

Another side, Samaritan woman and the apostoles are also
watching.

SICK MAN says to Jesus
But while I am coming, another
steps down before me.

Jesus looks at him with compassion. All the others closely
surround him in a circle.

JESUS (Jn 5:8)
Get up, pick up your pallet and walk.

Jesus continue to speak in a low voice.

JESUS (Isiah 61-1)
The spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me to bring
glad tidings to the poor.

Suddenly a healing light passes from his hands and spreads on
the body of sick man.

The light slowly spreads through the sick man and he is getting
healed step by step.

People gathered there look at it with wonder.

Apostles also look at it with wonder.

The man tries to stand up slowly.

Initially he begins to fall but Peter holds his hands and the
sick man stands straight.

He bends, picks up his pallet and begins to walk.

MAN
My Lord, my God

People are wonderstruck.

NICODEMUS comments to his team.
May be the spirit of the Lord which was
stirring the water is the same spirit in
Jesus healing the sick. Instead of the
sick reaching to water, the water came
to the sick-the living water!

Others observe it with a great understanding.

The man turns back and walks away.
Peter and apostles also are very happy.

Jesus looks at the leaving man with a divine smile.

Nicodemus says looking at the healed man walking away.

NICODEMUS
Now, I know. How an old man
can be born again?

EXT. STREET - DAY

The man is walking holding his pallet through the street.

He is very happy.

Seeing him people passing by are surprised. They look at him
with disbelief.

Enjoying the world around the man continues walking.

Some Jews observe him. They look at each other and look at him
with dislike.

An old Jew stops him and says with anger.

OLD JEW (Jn 5:10)
It is the Sabbath, and it is not
permissible for you to carry your pallet.

SICK (CURED) MAN answers (Jn 5:11)
He who made me well was the one who
said to me, 'Pick up your pallet and walk.'

They do not understand what he is saying.

YOUNG JEW angrily asks. (Jn 5:12)
Who is the man who said to you,
'Pick up your pallet and walk'?
He cannot answer the question. He looks far at the place where
Jesus heals him.

Jesus is not seen. Only crowd is seen.

HEALED MAN looks at the Jews & says.

I don't know.

He looks again at the place where Jesus heals and moves towards the place searching Jesus.

People gather again to see what is happening. Even the group of Nicodemus also arrives and watches.

OLD MAN
What is happening?

The angry Jew shouts at all of them and shows it to a man carrying a pallet.

YOUNG JEW
Look at this! He is carrying this on a Sabbath, what a big sin! He is doing what is forbidden! This is wrong! Even this healing done on Sabbath is wrong!

OLD MAN says with compassion.
He was sick for 38 years and he is now healed. Don't you think it is an act of mercy? Isn't it written, "I desire mercy" (Mt 9-13)

Another man says, as if speaking to all even to the Jews including Nicodemus. He looks at them sharply.

ANOTHER MAN
May be this is what Jesus meant when he said, "Unless your righteousness surpasses that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will not enter into the kingdom of heaven (Mt 5-20)"

Hearing this some people look at the Jew who scolded him. Many look at Nicodemus.

Camera focuses on Nicodemus who nods his head thoughtfully, like confirming a statement but he does not say anything.

EXT. ANOTHER STREET NEAR A TEMPLE – DAY

The healed man is still searching for Jesus. He looks around and walks forward.

Jesus who is walking with his disciples sees him. Seeing him Jesus smiles but he does not see Jesus initially. Jesus holds him.

He sees Jesus suddenly in his front.

JESUS says calmly (Jn 5:14)
Behold, you have become well; do
not sin anymore, so that nothing
worse happens to you.

Saying this Jesus and apostles passes him.

The healed man looks at Jesus.

The healed man chants Jesus' name.

HEALED MAN
Jesus... Jesus... Jesus...

Tears of happiness come out from his eyes.

He runs through the street calling out the name of Jesus.

HEALED MAN
Jesus... Jesus healed me... I am a
new person. I am born again.

Jews standing in another side of the street see the healed man running.

They hear his words. His words overlap on their face.
Jews wonder hearing it.

The healed man is still running through the street calling out the name of Jesus with pride, respect and happiness.
Healed man reaches the group standing. There he meets Nicodemus and Samaritan woman. All three are now together.

HEALED MAN
Jesus healed me... Jesus saved me...
Jesus made me new. I am born
again. My Lord... My God...

Jesus says standing before a wall of the city.

JESUS

My Father is working until now,
and I Myself am working.(Jn5-17)