



THE GREATEST INVITATION EVER
EASTER—John 4
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We believe that Jesus is the HOPE of the world and we celebrate that Good News. . . that very good news not just on an Easter weekend but every day. If Jesus had not risen from the grave, then He was just a guy who had a really bad day when the Roman soldiers nailed His body to a cross.

There is something about Jesus, God in human flesh, where irreligious people loved being around Him and how the self-righteous were appalled by Him.

People who were the most unlike Jesus loved being around Him. He did not coddle their sinful choices, but offered them freedom from the bondage of their sin.

John 4.4-6

He had to go through Samaria on the way. ⁵ Eventually He came to the Samaritan village of Sychar, near the field that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. ⁶ Jacob's well was there; and Jesus, tired from the long walk, sat wearily beside the well about noon time.

This isn't about religious tradition but **life transformation**. It's not about more rules to keep but a relationship to enjoy with the Living Savior.

- ◆ Some of you claim no faith at all and you're kind of proud of that.
If you only knew the gift God has for you.
- ◆ Some of you have followed a tradition for years but you have no assurance of eternal life and that's left you confused.
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- ◆ Some of you have been ravaged by a lot of sinful decisions and deep scars and regrets are your constant companion.
If you only knew the gift God has for you.
- ◆ Some of you have been on the run from God for a long time. It's time to come. It's exhausting to run from God.
If you only knew the gift God has for you.

John 4.16-18

"Go and get your husband," Jesus told her. ¹⁷ "I don't have a husband," the woman replied. Jesus said, "You're right! You don't have a husband—¹⁸ for you have had five husbands, and you aren't even married to the man you're living with now. You certainly spoke the truth!"

Jesus didn't expose the woman's sin to demean her but to redeem her. He exposed her so that she could see the depth of her sin in order to experience the freedom from her sin.

- 1) No one is too sinful or too far gone in life that in a moment of **HUMILITY** could say like the Samaritan woman with sincerity, "He told me everything I ever did."
- 2) No one's past has to **PREDICT** their future.
- 3) Just like it was a divine appointment when Jesus met a woman at a well, you have a divine appointment today. There are no **RANDOM** encounters when God is involved.

Dear God,

I know that I am on the wrong path. I admit that I am a sinner on the road headed away from You. I want to turn around and journey with You on the road to eternal life. I know that I cannot do that by myself. I know that You sent Your Son, Jesus Christ, to die for my sins. Right now, I trust in Jesus as the only One who can provide true life, the life that is found in You. I trust in Jesus as the One who did for me what I cannot do for myself. I trust in Jesus as the only One who can place me in an eternal relationship with You. In Jesus' name. Amen.