

## Walking with Jesus Part 4

### John 4:1-6

Now Jesus learned that the Pharisees had heard that he was gaining and baptizing more disciples than John— 2 although in fact it was not Jesus who baptized, but his disciples. 3 So he left Judea and went back once more to Galilee.

4 Now he had to go through Samaria. 5 So he came to a town in Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of ground Jacob had given to his son Joseph. 6 Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired as he was from the journey, sat down by the well. It was about noon.

### Vs. 1,2

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It's interesting that Jesus was not the one doing the baptizing. Jesus was training his Disciples to Preach the Kingdom of God. The first word of the Good News was Repent. The Baptism of John was a Baptism of Repentance. Jesus would bring another Baptism

### Matthew 3:11

John the Baptist said, "I baptize you with water for repentance. But after me comes one who is more powerful than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

### Vs. 4

Now he had to go through Samaria.

- Although the road through Samaria was the shortest route from Jerusalem to Galilee, Jews often avoided it.
- They did so because there was a deep distrust and dislike between many of the Jewish people and the Samaritans.
- When the Babylonians conquered the southern kingdom of Judah, they took almost all the population captive, exiling them to Babylon. All they left

- behind were the lowest classes of society. The ones left behind intermarried with other non-Jewish peoples who slowly came into the region, and the *Samaritans* emerged as an ethnic and religious group.
- Because the Samaritans had a historical connection to the people of Israel, their faith was a mixture of Mosaic Law and superstitions.
  - Most of the Jews in Jesus' time *despised* the Samaritans, disliking them even more than Gentiles.
  - Because they were, religiously speaking, "half-breeds" who had an eclectic, mongrel faith. The Samaritans built their own temple to Yahweh on Mount Gerizim, but the Jews from Jerusalem came and burned it to the ground around 128 B.C. This as you can imagine made for bad blood between the Jews and the Samaritans.
  - Now Jesus is preaching a message of "**love your enemies**, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you"
  - So our text goes on to say.

### **Vs. 7-11**

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.) 10 Jesus answered her, "**If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you** for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." 11 "Sir," the woman said, "you have nothing to draw with and the well is deep. **Where** can you get this living water? 12 Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did also his sons and his livestock?"

Vs. 7

Jesus said to her, "Will you give me a drink?"

- We shouldn't be surprised by this...Jesus asks for something first...
- Many times before God will release what's in his hand he asks us for what's in ours.

## 1 Kings 17

7 And it happened after a while that the brook dried up, because there had been no rain in the land.

8 Then the word of the Lord came to Elijah, saying, 9 “Arise, go to Zarephath, which *belongs* to Sidon, and dwell there. See, I have commanded a widow there to provide for you.” 10 So he arose and went to Zarephath. And when he came to the gate of the city, indeed a widow *was* there gathering sticks. And he called to her and said, “Please bring me a little water in a cup, that I may drink.” 11 And as she was going to get *it*, he called to her and said, “Please bring me a morsel of bread in your hand.” 12 So she said, “As the Lord your God lives, I do not have bread, only a handful of flour in a bin, and a little oil in a jar; and see, I *am* gathering a couple of sticks that I may go in and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die.”

13 And Elijah said to her, “Do not fear; go *and* do as you have said, but make me a small cake from it first, and bring *it* to me; and afterward make *some* for yourself and your son. 14 For thus says the Lord God of Israel: ‘The bin of flour shall not be used up, nor shall the jar of oil run dry, until the day the Lord sends rain on the earth.’ ”

15 So she went away and did according to the word of Elijah; and she and he and her household ate for *many* days. 16 The bin of flour was not used up, nor did the jar of oil run dry, according to the word of the Lord which He spoke by Elijah.

See Her offering saved her life...

She was at the end and God said give me what you have so I can give you what I have...

If you want what’s in God’s hand you have to be willing to give him what is in yours...

The same is true with our Text.

### Vs. 7

Jesus said to her, “Will you give me a drink?”

She said:

**How** can you ask me for a drink?

**Where** can you get this living water?

Isn't that what the widow said, How can you ask me for my last meal...  
The Samaritan woman said How can you ask me...  
We can be the same way, God how can you ask me for that...

### **Vs. 10**

Jesus answered her, **"If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you** for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water."

That is just it; We forget who it is that is asking us...

### **Vs. 13-15**

13 Jesus answered, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again,  
14 but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life."

15 The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water so that I won't get thirsty and have to keep coming here to draw water."

- Jesus is speaking of the Holy Spirit.
- He first speaks of the Holy Spirit to Nicodemus

### **Ch. 3**

*6 Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. 7 You should not be surprised at my saying, 'You must be born again.' 8 The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit."*

- Now Jesus speaks of the work of the Holy Spirit to the Woman at the Well

### **Vs. 14**

*Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life."*

- A Spring of Water in their time was also referred to as living water. Because it's not stagnant, it isn't at the bottom of the well. It is moving, bubbling up, rushing, and fresh. This is living water...

## John 7

...Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, “Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink. 38 Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them.” 39 By this he meant the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were later to receive.

- Jesus likens the Holy Spirit to Living Water that is moving, bubbling up and fresh...

## Vs. 16-19

16 He told her, “Go, call your husband and come back.”

17 “I have no husband,” she replied.

Jesus said to her, “You are right when you say you have no husband. 18 The fact is, you have had five husbands, and the man you now have is not your husband. What you have just said is quite true.”

19 “Sir,” the woman said, “I can see that you are a prophet.

Notice something here:

Jesus doesn't recognize the man she is living with as her husband.

The people around her may have...

Her culture may have...

But God only recognizes the Holy Ordinance He established.

**Also he does not condemn her but rather shines light on her**

## John 3

19 This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but people loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil. 20 Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that their deeds will be exposed.

Can I tell you God knows how to Correcting us without Condemning us...

## Vs. 28-38

28 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.

### Reflecting over what has just taken place:

In Ch. 3 Jesus reaches out to Nicodemus - Educated, Religious, Political Leader.

In Ch. 4 Jesus reaches out to a Samaritan Woman - Jewish men didn't speak to their wives in public. Jesus breaks the mold of tradition and speaks to a Samaritan Woman.

Jesus ministers to the prominent...

Jesus ministers to the outcast...

Jesus is willing to associate with those of high esteem...

Jesus is willing to associate with those of low esteem...

And he promises that the work of the Holy Spirit is for both...

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### Vs. 39-42

39 Many of the Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I ever did." 40 So when the Samaritans came to him, they urged him to stay with them, and he stayed two days. 41 And because of his words many more became believers. 42 They said to the woman, "We no longer believe just because of what you said; now we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this man really is **the Savior of the world.**"

Did you just hear what they said:

- "We no longer believe just because of what you said; now we have heard for ourselves..."
- and we know that this man really is **the Savior of the world.**"
- What a claim!
- This claim is massive
- They didn't just say the savior of our soul, or savior of our town, or savior of Israel, they said "**The Savior of the World**"

- Oh when people have such an encounter with Jesus they no longer follow Him because of what we say but because they have seen and behold him for themselves...
- **The Savior of the World**

### **1 John 4:14**

And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be **the Savior of the world.**