

“Changed by His Presence”

John 4

3 So (Jesus) 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.

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?”

13 Jesus answered, “**Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, 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.”

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.”

Vs. 4 says that Jesus “had to go through Samaria.”

- Can I tell you the need wasn't because of travel arrangements or practical necessities, but there was a woman there and people in Samaria who desperately needed to encounter Jesus.

Vs. 6 “Jesus, tired as he was from the journey, sat down by the well.”

- Jesus though fully God was also fully man...
- He was effected like you and I by the elements and physical demands...
- Tired as he was he found his way to the place where she was going to be...
- Jesus didn't let weariness stop him from being there...

Vs. 7-9

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- Immediately, the woman must have been impressed by the friendliness of Jesus.
- It was unusual for her to hear a kind greeting from a Jewish man,

Historical Background

Although the road through Samaria was the shortest route from Jerusalem to Galilee, pious 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 the Babylonian Empire. All they left behind were the lowest classes of society, because they didn't want these lowly regarded people in Babylonia. These ones left behind intermarried with other non-Jewish peoples who slowly came into the region, and the Samaritans emerged as their own ethnic and religious group.

Vs. 10

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- Jesus tells her about the gift of God and living water
- She has probably never heard of anything like this, especially from a Jewish man...
- Jesus says you have been doing what you know to do.
- know there is someone who has the promise of living water.
- You drink this water and you will thirst again...
- The water God gives will satisfy your thirst and you will never thirst again...
- Then Jesus proves it with his next comment...

Vs. 16-18

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Can you imagine what Her story is like?

If she was here today It probably go something like this...

Her life is like those buckets of water, never fully satisfying...

Husband 1: Good Times

Husband 2: Promised Provider

Husband 3: Failed Relationship

Husband 4: False Hope

Husband 5: Last Chance
Now this guy: Just Getting By

Can I tell you

- The World can't fulfill...
- Things won't satisfy very long...
- People will leave you thirst...
- It is the Lord that fills the deep longing of the soul...
- It is the Lord that satisfies the thirsty...
- He is the living water...
- He is the bread of life...

Mark 10

17 As Jesus started on his way, a man ran up to him and fell on his knees before him. “Good teacher,” he asked, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?”

18 “Why do you call me good?” Jesus answered. “No one is good—except God alone.

Psalm 34:8

Taste and see that the Lord is good;
blessed is the one who takes refuge in him.