

## **The Woman at the Well** a lesson for the Abundant Life Class at Gulf Coast Baptist Church by Steve Thomas 4-5-26

### 1. Setting the Scene (John 4:1–6)

Jesus leaves Judea and travels to Galilee.

He passes through Samaria and stops at Jacob's well near Sychar.

He is weary from His journey and sits by the well at about the sixth hour (around noon).

A Samaritan woman comes to draw water.

### 2. The Initial Request (John 4:7–9)

Jesus asks: "Give me to drink."

The woman is surprised, recognizing that Jews and Samaritans customarily do not associate.

She asks: "How is it that thou, being a Jew, askest drink of me, which am a woman of Samaria?"

### 3. Living Water Offered (John 4:10–15)

Jesus replies: If she knew who He was, she would ask Him, and He would give her "living water."

The woman notes He has nothing to draw with and questions where He gets this "living water."

She references Jacob, who gave the well.

Jesus explains: Whoever drinks of this well's water will thirst again, but those who drink the water He gives will never thirst—it will become a "well of water springing up into everlasting life."

The woman responds: "Sir, give me this water, that I thirst not, neither come hither to draw."

### 4. Exposing the Heart (John 4:16–18)

Jesus says: "Go, call thy husband, and come hither."

The woman answers: "I have no husband."

Jesus reveals: "Thou hast well said... for thou hast had five husbands; and he whom thou now hast is not thy husband."

### 5. Spiritual Insight and Worship (John 4:19–26)

The woman perceives Jesus is a prophet.

She raises the long-standing dispute: Samaritans worship on Mount Gerizim; Jews say in Jerusalem.

Jesus teaches: True worship is not about location but spirit and truth—"the Father seeketh such to worship him."

The woman mentions the coming Messiah (Christ), who will explain all things.

Jesus declares: "I that speak unto thee am he."

### 6. The Disciples Return (John 4:27–30)

The disciples arrive and marvel that He is speaking with a woman, but none question Him.

The woman leaves her waterpot, returns to the city, and tells the people to come see "a man, which told me all things that ever I did."

### 7. Jesus Teaches the Disciples (John 4:31–38)

The disciples urge Him to eat.

Jesus replies: "My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work."

He speaks of the spiritual harvest: "Lift up your eyes... the fields are white already to harvest."

### 8. The Samaritan Response (John 4:39–42)

Many Samaritans believe because of the woman's testimony.

Others believe after hearing Jesus themselves.

They declare, "We know that this is indeed the Christ, the Saviour of the world."

This moment stands out as the first recorded instance in the Gospels where Jesus plainly identifies Himself as the Messiah—and He does so to a Samaritan woman, crossing cultural, religious, and gender boundaries.