

Living Water

John 4:3-24

1. Jesus loves all of us. John 1:4

Jesus was sharply criticized for this:

- **John 8:48**, The religious leaders scolded him, "Do we not say rightly that you are a Samaritan and have a demon?"
- **Luke 10**
- **Acts 1:8**, The gospel is for all people
 - o **There is only one Human Race**
 - We are all physically equal- same DNA
 - We are all spiritually equal- same spiritual inheritance
 - o **Jesus had a good amount of diversity in His family**
 - o **We all need Jesus**- Prejudice is an anti-Christ Spirit.
 - o **Revelation 7:9**, "I saw a vast crowd, too great to count, from every nation and tribe and people and language, standing in front of the throne and before the Lamb."

2. Jesus is Gracious with us. John 4:7

I love the fact that we serve a humble savior.

Let's ask Jesus to help us love people. The way you relate to people either increases or decreases their self-worth, open or closes their hearts.

Psalms 145:14, John 15:1-2, Luke's gospel

3. Jesus is Generous to us. John 4:10

What if you could honestly say; I am content. I am satisfied. This is enough.

- God delights in blessing us but does not want us to forget about Him.

Ecclesiastes

Who or what satisfies you? This is why giving is so important.

4. Jesus Loves us. John 4:16

Jesus loves us just like we are, but He loves us too much to leave us that way.

This is so counterculture. Today, we believe love means affirming every thought or feeling a person has. That is not love. That is self-protection based on our fear of conflict or rejection. We like to claim this is love when it is self-serving and motivated by our self-interest. If I love you, I should tell you the truth, graciously, and help you become the best version of you possible. That is love! That is what Jesus is doing here. Jesus loves her enough to march into her bondage and lead her into freedom! Jesus does not want to just be friends. Jesus wants your heart!

Exodus 34:14, "You must worship no other gods, for the LORD, whose very name is Jealous, is a God who is jealous about his relationship with you." Just like in marriage.

Hebrews 12:29, "For our God is a devouring fire." The fire wants it all.

The entire Bible is about Freedom! How does Jesus set us free?

- **Love heals us**
- **Truth empowers us**
- **Community trains us**
- **Purpose directs us**

5. Jesus can Transform us. John 4:21-24

Is there anything in your life, you really want to be free from?

Why does freedom matter? You were born to be free. It is an inalienable right. You are a child of God. You are an image bearer.