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# WOMAN

AT THE WELL

## **John 4:4-30 (The Living Bible)**

He had to go through Samaria on the way, 5-6 and around noon as he approached the village of Sychar, he came to Jacob's Well, located on the parcel of ground Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jesus was tired from the long walk in the hot sun and sat wearily beside the well. 7 Soon a Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus asked her for a drink. 8 He was alone at the time as his disciples had gone into the village to buy some food. 9 The woman was surprised that a Jew would ask a "despised Samaritan" for anything—usually they wouldn't even speak to them!—and she remarked about this to Jesus...

10 He replied, “If you only knew what a wonderful gift God has for you, and who I am, you would ask me for some living water!”

11 “But you don’t have a rope or a bucket,” she said, “and this is a very deep well! Where would you get this living water? 12 And besides, are you greater than our ancestor Jacob? How can you offer better water than this which he and his sons and cattle enjoyed?”

13 Jesus replied that people soon became thirsty again after drinking this water. 14 “But the water I give them,” he said, “becomes a perpetual spring within them, watering them forever with eternal life.” 15 “Please, sir,” the woman said, “give me some of that water! Then I’ll never be thirsty again & won’t have to make this long trip out here every day.”

16 “Go and get your husband,” Jesus told her.

17-18 “But I’m not married,” the woman replied. “All too true!” Jesus said. “For you have had five husbands, and you aren’t even married to the man you’re living with now.”

19 “Sir,” the woman said, “you must be a prophet.

20 But say, tell me, why is it that you Jews insist that Jerusalem is the only place of worship, while we Samaritans claim it is here at Mount Gerizim, where our ancestors worshiped?”

21-24 Jesus replied, “The time is coming, ma’am, when we will no longer be concerned about whether to worship the Father here or in Jerusalem. For it’s not where we worship that counts, but how we worship—is our worship spiritual and real? Do we have the Holy Spirit’s help? For God is Spirit, and we must have his help to worship as we should.

The Father wants this kind of worship from us. But you Samaritans know so little about him, worshiping blindly, while we Jews know all about him, for salvation comes to the world through the Jews.”

25 The woman said, “Well, at least I know that the Messiah will come—the one they call Christ—and when he does, he will explain everything to us.”

26 Then Jesus told her, “I am the Messiah!”

27 Just then his disciples arrived. They were surprised to find him talking to a woman, but none of them asked him why, or what they had been discussing.

28-29 Then the woman left her waterpot beside the well and went back to the village and told everyone, “Come and meet a man who told me everything I ever did! Can this be the Messiah?” 30 So the people came streaming from the village to see him.

**I. We Must Go To Our  
SAMARIAS!**



## **-John 4:4**

He needed to go through Samaria.”

**Samaria Was A Region Jews---Pharisees  
AVOIDED!**

## **-John 4:9**

For the Jews have nothing to do with the Samaritans.”(AMP)

-“Jews do not share anything in common with Samaritans.”(NCB)

-“Jews do not communicate with the Samaritans.”(DRA)

-“Jews are not friends with Samaritans.”(ICB)

# Who Were These SAMARITANS?

In 930 BC under King Rehoboam Israel divided into 2 kingdoms. In 721 B.C., the northern kingdom of Israel was invaded and fell to the Assyrians. The Assyrians used a strategy to break the will of people they conquered. They would remove the men from their homeland bringing them back to Assyria in chains. They would then force the women left without their men to marry their foreign occupiers. This broke the will of the people by erasing their identity, culture and religion. It also prevented uprisings from occurring, since the men would be out of their home countries and women would have stronger relationships with their occupiers...

...These half-Jewish, half-Gentile people became known as Samaritans. The Samaritans, being a mix of already spiritually corrupt Israelites and pagan foreigners, created a religion for themselves that was a combination of commands and rituals from the Law of Moses, put together with various superstitions that the Jews considered heresy. 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.

# **Samaria Became Place of Deep Prejudice & Animosity**

\*"The Jews totally avoided any contact with the Samaritans. While they were physically alike in many ways, requiring the same foods, following the same occupations, having the same hopes & ambitions & suffering the same diseases, yet there was a racial hatred that kept them apart."

- "A Piece of bread given by a Samaritan is more unclean than swine's flesh"

- "No Samaritan shall be made a Proselyte!"

## **-John 8:48**

The Jews then said, “That settles it. We were right all along when we called you a Samaritan and said you were crazy—demon-possessed!” (MSG)

**-Samaritans shall have no share in the Resurrection!**

# Where Are Our “Samaritans”—Who Are Our “Samaritans”?

-Mark 16:15...“You must go out to the whole world and proclaim the Gospel to every creature. He who believes it and is baptized will be saved, but he who disbelieves it will be condemned. These signs will follow those who do believe...”

-“Go ye therefore and teach all ethnic groups, invading every race, every skin color, and every nation with its different customs and culture — ultimately taking this Gospel into every civilization that exists in the world.”

**2. We Go To Our Samaritans  
Understanding God's Amazing  
Love for ALL People!**

**An Amazing Love That Teaches Us NO ONE  
Is Too Far From God's Grace!**

**Rom.5:8**

But think about this: while we were wasting our lives in sin, God revealed His powerful love to us in a tangible display—Jesus died for us.”(Voice)



## **Luke 18:9-14**

Jesus also told this parable to some people who trusted in themselves, thinking they were righteous, but who looked down on everyone else: 10 “Two men went up to the Temple to pray. One was a Pharisee, and the other was a tax collector. 11 The Pharisee stood by himself and prayed, ‘O God, I thank you that I’m not like other people—thieves, dishonest people, adulterers, or even this tax collector. 12 I fast twice a week, and I give a tenth of my entire income.’

13 “But the tax collector stood at a distance and would not even look up to heaven. Instead, he continued to beat his chest and said, ‘O God, be merciful to me, the sinner that I am!’ 14 I tell you, this man, rather than the other one, went down to his home justified, because everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the person who humbles himself will be exalted.”

# **Give Me God's Love That Causes Me To Face My Prejudices---Hardness of Heart**

## **-1 Tim.1:15-16**

What I say is true, and you should fully accept it: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the worst. 16 But I was given mercy so that in me, the worst of all sinners, Christ Jesus could show that he has patience without limit. His patience with me made me an example for those who would believe in him and have life forever.

-“Preach the gospel to yourself, because as you consider who you are in light of God's perfect goodness, holiness and peace, you must soften toward others.”

(Thomas Brooks)

**3. People Need A JESUS  
Encounter!**

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1) Jesus Encounters Happen As A Result  
of Prayer—The Leading of the  
Holy Spirit!

**-Gen. 12:6-8..**”Abram passed through the country as far as Shechem...At that time the Canaanites occupied the land. God appeared to Abram and said, “I will give this land to your children.” Abram built an altar ***at the place God had appeared to him.***”

-Sychar (Shechem) Place Where Abraham Built His 1st Altar

\*Woman Was Not Looking For Jesus---Jesus Was Looking For Her!



# 2) Jesus Encounters Break Thru (MELT) Barriers!

# \*Jesus Is A Barrier **BREAKER** Not A **WALL** Builder!

-John 4:9...”The Samaritan woman, taken aback, asked, “How come you, a Jew, are asking me, a Samaritan woman, for a drink?” (Jews in those days wouldn’t be caught dead talking to Samaritans.) (MSG)

-Jesus **BEGINS** The Conversation With Her!

-Jesus Defied The **Gender Barrier**—(Rabbi & Woman)

-He Defied The **Racial Barrier**---(Jews & Samaritans)

-He Defied The **Religious Barrier** (Not “LIKE” Us!)

**-Jesus Proclaimed The True Gospel To Her...  
No More Barriers!**

-Eph.2:14..."He is the embodiment of our peace, sent once and for all to take down the great barrier of hatred and hostility that has divided us so that we can be one."(Voice)

3) Jesus Encounters Meet People  
At Their Point of Need

-John 4:15-16..."The woman said, "Sir, give me this water so I won't ever get thirsty, won't ever have to come back to this well again! Jesus said, "Go call your husband and then come back."(MSG)

### **-Was She Immoral?**

-Rabbinic Law Allowed Up To 3 Marriages

-Samaritan Culture Allowed Up to 5 Marriages!

-A Woman Could NOT Divorce Her Husband!

4) A Jesus Encounter Will Change &  
Transform You Forever

-John 4:10...“If you only knew the gift God has for you and who you are speaking to, you.”(NLT)

-“You don't know what God can give you.And you don't know who I am”(ERV)

\*If You Only Knew WHO IS Talking To YOU

\*If You Only Knew I Would Give You Living Water--  
Power of Holy Spirit



## **-Acts 1:8**

You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit comes”

-If You Only Knew The **Comfort** of H.S.

-The **Guidance** of H.S.

-The **Empowering** of H.S. Praying For You

-The **Gifts** of H.S.

# **\*If You Only Knew True WORSHIP---Intimacy with God**

-John 4:24... "God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."

- "In commanding us to worship, God is inviting us to enjoy him...It is in the process of being worshiped that God communicates His presence to men." (C.S. Lewis)

**\*If You Only Knew You Could Have NEW LIFE  
(Be Born Again)**

**\*Jesus Reveals Himself To Her**

-John 4:26..."I am he," said Jesus. "You don't have to wait any longer or look any further." (MSG)

- "I am the One you have been looking for." (Voice)

# 5) Power of A Jesus Encounter Testimony!

**\*Question: How Did An Outcast Woman,  
Drawing Water Alone At Midday DRAW An  
Entire City To Jesus So Quickly?**

**-Power of ONE Person---One Changed Life—  
One Testimony!**

## **-John 4:29**

In her confusion she left her water pot. Back in the village she told the people, “Come see a man who knew all about the things I did, who knows me inside and out. Do you think this could be the Messiah?” And they went out to see for themselves.

## **-John 4:39-42**

Many of the Samaritans from that village committed themselves to him because of the woman's witness: "He knew all about the things I did. He knows me inside and out!" They asked him to stay on, so Jesus stayed two days. A lot more people entrusted their lives to him when they heard what he had to say. They said to the woman, ***"We're no longer taking this on your say-so. We've heard it for ourselves and know it for sure. He's the Savior of the world!" (MSG)***



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