

# ALL !N WITH JORDAN EASLEY

## The Woman At The Well

*Encounters With Jesus | Part 5 | John 4*

### INTRODUCTION

A true encounter with Jesus Christ will always change your life. You cannot meet Jesus face to face and leave unchanged. This is a truth we see powerfully demonstrated in the story of an unexpected woman at a well in Samaria. When Jesus decided to travel through Samaria, it was not a geographical shortcut; it was a divine appointment. He intentionally crossed significant cultural, ethnic, and social barriers because He had a meeting to keep.

Jesus's journey shows us that no one is beyond His reach. He loves walking into enemy territory to meet broken people at their point of need. This encounter involved a woman who came for water and a God who came for her heart. It reminds us that Jesus still meets people exactly where they are, not where they think they should be.

### KEY POINTS

#### 1. Jesus Meets You Where You Are

The scene at Jacob's well would have been unthinkable in that day. A Jewish man speaking to a Samaritan woman in public broke centuries of hostility and social norms. Jesus crossed ethnic, gender, and moral barriers to initiate this conversation. He demonstrated what the apostle Paul would later write in Romans 8: "Nothing can separate us from the love of God." Jesus meets us in our brokenness, our isolation, and our sin. He is not afraid of our mess; He moves toward it with grace.

#### 2. Jesus Sees You as You Are

Jesus quickly shifted the conversation from physical thirst to spiritual thirst, offering the woman "living water." To help her understand her deep need, He gently uncovered her past of five previous husbands and her current sinful relationship. He was not trying to shame her; He was trying to show her how thirsty she truly was. For someone to be saved, they must first realize they are lost. Jesus does not expose your sin to shame you. He exposes it to heal you and to remind you that even repeated failure cannot keep you from God's grace.

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### 3. Jesus Reveals Who He Is

The woman, thinking in religious terms, tried to steer the conversation toward the proper place of worship. But Jesus corrected her misunderstanding, explaining that true worship is not about a place, but a Person. He called her away from religion, which focuses on external rule-keeping, and into a relationship that transforms the heart. In this intimate moment with a social outcast, Jesus made His first open declaration in the Gospel of John that He is the Messiah. He was telling her, and us, that everyone has access to Him.

### 4. Jesus Transforms Who You Are

After her encounter with Jesus, the woman left her water jar behind. This act is deeply symbolic. She left behind the very thing she thought she needed to satisfy her thirst because she had found the Living Water. Just as Jesus called His first disciples to leave their nets, He calls us to leave behind the things that once defined us. This woman went to the well to avoid people, but she left on a mission to reach people. Her transformation was so authentic that it led many in her town to believe in Jesus.

The God who met this woman at the well is the same God who makes Himself available to us today. He meets us in our brokenness, sees our deepest thirsts, reveals Himself as the only true source of satisfaction, and transforms our identity. When Jesus satisfies your soul, your story becomes a stream that refreshes the people around you. This encounter is a call to every believer. To the thirsty, come to Jesus for eternal satisfaction. To the shamed, know that Jesus already sees your sin and still pursues you with love. To the silent, share your story, because you never know how many people will run to Jesus if you do. What "water jar" do you need to leave behind to fully follow Him?

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### QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

1. What cultural, social, or personal barriers might be keeping you from sharing Jesus with others, and how does Christ's example in this story encourage you to cross them?
2. The woman left her water jar, a symbol of what she once depended on for satisfaction. In what areas of your life are you still holding onto "water jars" instead of finding your complete fulfillment in the living water of Jesus?
3. This woman's personal encounter with Jesus immediately turned into a mission to her town. What is one practical step you can take this week to use your own story of transformation to point people around you to Jesus?

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