Summer Series: The gospel of John, Life in His Name

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*Jesus, the Living Water*

Intro:

Brief Testimony

PP-John 4:1-19

**Jesus and the Woman of Samaria**

**4**Now when Jesus learned that the Pharisees had heard that Jesus was making and baptizing more disciples than John **2**(although Jesus himself did not baptize, but only his disciples), **3**he left Judea and departed again for Galilee. **4**And he **had to** pass through Samaria. **5**So he came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the field that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. **6**Jacob's well was there; so Jesus, wearied as he was from his journey, was sitting beside the well. It was about the sixth hour.[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=John+4%3A1-15&version=ESV#fen-ESV-26152a)]

**7**A woman from Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, “Give me a drink.” **8**(For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.) **9**The Samaritan woman said to him, “How is it that you, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a woman of Samaria?” (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.) **10**Jesus answered her, “If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, ‘Give me a drink,’ you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.” **11**The woman said to him, “Sir, you have nothing to draw water with, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? **12**Are you greater than our father Jacob? He gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did his sons and his livestock.” **13**Jesus said to her, “Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, **14**but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again.[[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=John+4%3A1-15&version=ESV#fen-ESV-26160b)] The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.” **15**The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water, so that I will not be thirsty or have to come here to draw water.” **16**Jesus said to her, “Go, call your husband, and come here.” **17**The woman answered him, “I have no husband.” Jesus said to her, “You are right in saying, ‘I have no husband’; **18**for you have had five husbands, and the one you now have is not your husband. What you have said is true.” **19**The woman said to him, “Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet.

PP Photo #2 Judea to Galilee Map

**Historical Content**

Israel fell to Assyria in 722 B.C., and many were exiled but others remained in the land. Assyria brought people from other nations into the land to repopulate Israel so the Israelites who remained in the land began to intermarry with the Gentiles from various nations in the land-thus creating a generation known as ‘Samaritans.’ These Samaritans were despised but Jesus brought them the good news. Samaritans had their own version of the Torah, their own temple on Mount Gerizim, and their own version of Israelite history.

**Roundabout Religion**

The Jewish people despised the region of Samaria so much that they would most often go a roundabout route through Perea to get into Galilee, and because Jesus was on a mission giving us an example of what it means to be a missionary-the bible said that Jesus **‘had to’ (synonym) ‘needed’** to go through Samaria to get to Galilee.

So Jesus is saying that instead of trying to share the Gospel in a roundabout way; we have to go through the historical differences, get through the political differences, etc….in order to share the Gospel, because he didn’t die so we can have a roundabout salvation; he died and salvation broke through every lie, every pain, every bit of racism and division that sin tries to establish in our hearts.

**PP-1. Mission**

**JESUS**

The Mission

PP-Here we find Jesus bridging 3 major Gaps:

Ethnic Gap

Religious Gap

Moral Gap

Jesus shows that he is fully human and fully God as he is wearied from his journey, he’s tired and thirsty

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GOD WILL MEET YOU RIGHT WHERE YOU’RE AT!

Daniel 3 reference

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Jesus is telling her that he is greater than Jacob; he basically said you can drink from this well all that you want to, but you will always end up thirsty.

PP-Photo #3 Jacobs Well

Lets apply that to today because back then Moses, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Major and Minor prophets were all heroes to the Jewish community; and today there are theologians, preachers, and teachers that we hold in high regard, and in a sense Jesus is saying be careful where you trying to get your satisfaction from; your satisfaction should never be in the men whom God uses for His purpose and will-cause if we chase and thirst after Piper, Mac Arthur, Baucham, Tim, Tony, and Kyle you will never be satisfied-because we are simply the vessels in which God is pouring into us daily so that we can pour into you, so that you can pour into others. Now lets talk about what it means to be a vessel.

PP- Water Pitcher Photo

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**PP-2. Ministry**

**PP-Photo #1 (Jesus & the Woman at the Well)**

**Samaritan Woman**

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**The sixth** hour was noon so it would have been hot and time to rest; travelers would have been hungry-more importantly thirst, and normally women would come and draw water in the morning or evening when it was cooler in the day, but this woman came at the right time.

She didn’t want to draw from the well every day, at the hottest part of the day, having to avoid further gossip and slander, not only carrying on her head a heavy water pot, but also carrying guilt-hurt-and shame around every day.

When we say, ‘Lord use me as a vessel’ we are simply saying that I am a person who is willing to carry out your will and purpose. A vessel is used for carrying/transporting something from one place to another.

The woman is now the pitcher/ and the pitcher is simply a vessel for transporting water; but now she is a vessel transporting and sharing the Gospel of Jesus. Why? Because the pitcher that she was before was transporting things that left her constantly unsatisfied. She didn’t want to draw from the well every day, at the hottest part of the day, having to avoid further gossip and slander, not only carrying on her head a heavy water pot, but also carrying guilt-hurt-and shame around every day.

**Accountability**

You know why it’s hard to find volunteers (change verbiage) in church? Because it has been preached for over a decade, in many churches that God is here to serve us and nothing about serving Him.

The thing that I like about this woman is that fact that Jesus laid out her lifestyle in love, and she didn’t kick and scream, blame everyone else for her mistakes, she not only took accountability, but she also made a step of faith in walking in a new lifestyle. It was faith that led her to go and tell all the townspeople (who were already gossiping about her) that she had met the Messiah!

Everything about this account was physical until it became spiritual.

Jesus= The well

Woman= the Pitcher (vessel)

Water/ Food Physical substance= The living water/ mission

PP-Photo #4 “I thirst” photo

**The Cross**

Jesus is thirsty in beginning to teach the disciples what the mission of the Gospel is, and he is thirsty as he is ending his mission on earth in the shedding of his blood for the salvation of all humanity.

How can it be for all of humanity? FULLY GOD AND FULLY HUMAN

This wasn’t the only time Jesus became thirsty; showing that he was fully human and yet fully God.

Human Sayings:

**The seven sayings**

* Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do. (Ministry)
* Today shalt thou be with me in paradise. (Ministry)
* Woman, behold, thy son! Behold, thy mother! (Ministry)
* My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me? (Humanity)
* I thirst. (Humanity)
* It is finished. (Mission Complete)
* Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit. (Divinity)

Lords Supper