

## Living Water 2019-02-24

### John 4:7-10

*There came a woman of Samaria to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." (For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.) 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.) 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."*

This an account of a Samaritan woman who doesn't realize she's thirsty and that Jesus is living water who forever satisfies all who thirst. John 4:3-4:8, Luke 19:10

- Everything here is intentional and not just coincidence.
  - shortest but not only route. "had to" sovereign appointment, not geography.
  - Sent ALL disciples to get food...Jesus wanted be alone with the Samaritan woman.
- Like with us...Jesus is seeking sinner who is not seeking Him.
  - Don't expect lost come to us at church/Christian groups.

Jesus initiates the conversation and catches the Samaritan woman completely off guard by asking her for drink of water from her water bucket. John 4:9

- By Jews: ceremonially unclean, racially impure, religiously heretical and a woman.
  - "no dealings" Literally "don't use the same utensils."
    - 50's white man drink from black woman bottle for all to see.

She had wrong presupposition: Jesus is the needy one and she is the self-sufficient one.

- But she is the one in need of "water" and Jesus is the "living water" that satisfies. John 4:10-11, 7:37-39
  - steer conversations to spiritual matters thru common interest.
- Jesus is not offering water from spring but eternal life only He can give.

She does not understand (takes Jesus literally) but selfishly is ready to accept it because thought it make life easier....never thirst and work less. John 4:13-15

- Many like her....free me from burdens in life but don't deal with sin.
  - Jesus offers freedom within life, not freedom from life!

Image of living water produced nothing so in a few words Jesus exposed her life of sin and her desperate need for God's gift of "living water" that forever satisfies. John 4:16-19

- Technically correct but using truth to hide something. But Jesus is omniscient.
  - 5 husbands: maybe 1 or 2 died but probably divorced and immoral.
    - Noon get water...Maybe reputation known and avoid other women?
  - She desperately trying fill void by moving from one man to next but was never truly satisfied.....people always let you down.
    - believing men "water" she was thirsty for not realizing need is Living Water.
- Jesus uses 1 sentence to lay bare past/present life....she admits her guilt!

- Doesn't do it to condemn (not bring issue back up) but so she sees mess/sin in her life and sees her deeper need... "water" that cleanses her of sin.
- She is embarrassed by sin and not ready to deal with it, so she changed the subject. John 4:20
  - To receive "Living water" must deal with sinful life. *Gospel*

We are like her... always moving from 1 thing to next to fill void Jesus promises to fill.

- Sexual partners, jobs, houses, cars, clothes, etc.
  - Continue to drink from world's sources but thirst again.

By God's grace we learn to walk in Holy Spirit and be content with identity in Jesus Christ, satisfied daily with fresh "living water" from fellowship with Jesus Christ. John 4:13-14, Revelation 22:17b, Matthew 5:6, Psalm 42:1

- 1 drink not enough, but one TRUE drink produces well for eternity of drinks.
  - "whoever drinks" tense suggests continuous drinking.
    - Not deprive body food/water if hunger/ thirst. Why deprive soul?
  - Jesus is an endless flow peace, mercy, grace, forgiveness, justification.
    - He is the living water that forever satisfies all who thirst.