

John 4:3-30 “Living Water”

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Jesus has recently begun His ministry. In John’s gospel account, He had already performed His first miracle in Cana- turning water into wine, He had purged the temple of the moneymakers, He had testified to Nicodemus the Pharisee that the kingdom of God can only be seen through a second birth, and John the Baptist has just given his final testimony of Jesus as the Son of God and the true bridegroom of the Church.

Now as Jesus departs from Judea and away from the scorn of the Pharisees, **we have this beautiful encounter.** The Lord is about to interrupt an ordinary day in the life of a lost sinner. He divinely intervenes, unexpectedly and turns someone’s world completely around.

v.3-6 He left Judea and went away again into Galilee. And He had to pass through Samaria. So He *came to a city of Samaria called Sychar, near the parcel of ground that Jacob gave to his son Joseph; and Jacob’s well was there. So Jesus, being wearied from His journey, was sitting thus by the well. It was about the sixth hour.

Php 2:6-8 "who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men. Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross."

Heb 4:15 For we do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but One who has been tempted in all things as we are, yet without sin.

v.7 There *came a woman of Samaria to draw water. Jesus *said to her, "Give Me a drink."

v.8 For His disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.

Jesus said "What do you think? If any man has a hundred sheep, and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go and search for the one that is straying?" [Mat 18:12](#)

v.9 Therefore the Samaritan woman *said to Him, "How is it that You, being a Jew, ask me for a drink since I am a Samaritan woman?" (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.)

v.10 Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is who says to you, 'Give Me a drink,' you would have asked Him, and He would have given you living water."

For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD. v.9 For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. Isa 55:8-9

v.11 She *said to Him, "Sir, You have nothing to draw with and the well is deep; where

then do You get that living water?

"I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh." (Jn 6:51)

*"How can this man give us his flesh to eat?"... "This is a hard saying; who can listen to it?
(Jn 6:52,60)*

v.12 "You are not greater than our father Jacob, are You, who gave us the well, and drank of it himself and his sons and his cattle?"

v.13 Jesus answered and said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will thirst again;

v.14 but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him shall never thirst; but the water that I will give him will become in him a well of water springing up to eternal life."

Isa 55:1-3 "Ho! Every one who thirsts, come to the waters; And you who have no money come, buy and eat. Come, buy wine and milk Without money and without cost. Why do you spend money for what is not bread, And your wages for what does not satisfy? Listen carefully to Me, and eat what is good, And delight yourself in abundance. Incline your ear and come to Me. Listen, that you may live; And I will make an everlasting covenant with you"

Joh 6:35,37 "he who comes to Me will not hunger, and he who believes in Me will never thirst...and the one who comes to Me I will certainly not cast out.

v.15 The woman *said to Him, "Sir, give me this water, so I will not be thirsty nor come all the way here to draw."

v.16-19 He *said to her, "Go, call your husband and come here." The woman answered and said, "I have no husband." Jesus *said to her, "You have correctly said, 'I have no husband'; for you have had five husbands, and the one whom you now have is not your husband; this you have said truly." The woman *said to Him, "Sir, I perceive that You are a prophet.

Luk 12:2-3 "But there is nothing covered up that will not be revealed, and hidden that will not be known. v.3 "Accordingly, whatever you have said in the dark will be heard in the light, and what you have whispered in the inner rooms will be proclaimed upon the housetops.

Heb 4:13 And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are open and laid bare to the eyes of Him with whom we have to do.

Joh 2:25 and because He did not need anyone to testify concerning man, for He Himself knew what was in man.

v.20 "Our fathers worshiped in this mountain, and you people say that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship."

v.21-24 Jesus *said to her, "Woman, believe Me, an hour is coming when neither in this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But an hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for such people the Father seeks to be His worshipers. God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."

v.25-26 The woman *said to Him, "I know that Messiah is coming (He who is called Christ); when that One comes, He will declare all things to us." Jesus *said to her, "I who speak to you am He."

v.27 At this point His disciples came, and they were amazed that He had been speaking with a woman, yet no one said, "What do You seek?" or, "Why do You speak with her?"

v.28-29 So the woman left her waterpot, and went into the city and *said to the men, "Come, see a man who told me all the things that I have done; this is not the Christ, is it?"

v.30 They went out of the city, and were coming to Him.

John 4:10 "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is who says to you, 'Give Me a drink,' you would have asked Him, and He would have given you living water."

Luk 15:7 "I tell you that in the same way, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance."