

# The Wellspring of Life

John 4

# The Setting

John 4:1-6

John 4:1 ¶ When therefore the Lord knew how the Pharisees had heard that Jesus made and baptized more disciples than John, 2 (Though Jesus himself baptized not, but his disciples,) 3 He left Judaea, and departed again into Galilee.

4 ¶ And he must needs go through Samaria. 5 Then cometh he to a city of Samaria, which is called Sychar, near to the parcel of ground that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. 6 Now Jacob's well was there. Jesus therefore, being wearied with his journey, sat thus on the well: and it was about the sixth hour.



Damascus

S Y R I A

Tyre

Caesarea Philippi

Beth-anath

Hazor

Ptolemais

Rama

Chorazin

Seleucia

Cana

Capernaum

Bethsaida

Hippus

Golan

Gaba

Sepphoris

Tiberias

Nazareth

Nain

Megiddo

Caesarea

Scythopolis

S A M A R I A

Aenon

D E C A P O L I S

Samaria

Gerasa

Apollonia

Sychar

Antipatris

Joppa

J U D E A

Phasaelis

Philadelphia

Emmaus

Jericho

Bethany

Jerusalem

Bether

Bethany

Bethlehem

Azotus

Ashkelon

Machaerus

Gaza

I D U M E A

Beer-sheba

Masada

M e d i t e r r a n e a n S e a

A H O E N I C

T R A C H O N I T I





John Baptist

Jacob's Well

Jesus??

Nicodemus

# The Setting

John 4:1-6

1. Samaritans
2. Jacob's well near Sychar

# The Story - John 4:7-29, 39-42

## A. Living Water - John 4:7-15

7 There cometh a woman of Samaria to draw water:  
Jesus saith unto her, *Give me to drink.*

8 (For his disciples were gone away unto the city to buy meat.) 9 Then saith the woman of Samaria unto him, *How is it that thou, being a Jew, askest drink of me, which am a woman of Samaria? for the Jews have no dealings with the Samaritans.*

10 Jesus answered and said unto her,  
*If thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of him, and he would have given thee living water.*



11 The woman saith unto him, *Sir, thou hast nothing to draw with, and the well is deep: from whence then hast thou that living water?* 12 *Art thou greater than our father Jacob, which gave us the well, and drank thereof himself, and his children, and his cattle?*

13 Jesus answered and said unto her, *Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again: 14 But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life.*

# The Story - John 4:7-29, 39-42

## A. Living Water - John 4:7-15

1. Samaritan woman comes to Jacobs well to get water
2. Jesus asks her for a drink
3. Jesus turns the conversation from physical water to The Living Water

# The Story - John 4:7-29, 39-42

A. Living Water - 4:7-15

B. All-knowing Life Giver - 4:16-19

16 Jesus saith unto her,

*Go, call thy husband, and come hither.*

17 The woman answered and said,

*I have no husband.*

Jesus said unto her,

*Thou hast well said, I have no husband: 18 For thou hast had five husbands; and he whom thou now hast is not thy husband: in that saidst thou truly.*

19 The woman saith unto him,

*Sir, I perceive that thou art a prophet.*

# The Story - John 4:7-29, 39-42

A. Living Water - 4:7-15

B. All-knowing Life Giver - 4:16-19

1. Jesus has offered her Living Water

2. He reveals more of Himself in another question.

# The Story - John 4:7-29, 39-42

A. Living Water - 4:7-15

B. All-knowing Life Giver - 4:16-19

C. True Worship – 4:20-26



19 The woman saith unto him,

*Sir, I perceive that thou art a prophet. 20 Our fathers worshipped in this mountain; and ye say, that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship.*

21 Jesus saith unto her,

*Woman, believe me, the hour cometh, when ye shall neither in this mountain, nor yet at Jerusalem, worship the Father. 22 Ye worship ye know not what: we know what we worship: for salvation is of the Jews.*

*23 But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. 24 God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.*

*25 The woman saith unto him,  
I know that Messias cometh, which is called Christ:  
when he is come, he will tell us all things.*

*26 Jesus saith unto her,  
I that speak unto thee am he.*

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A. Living Water - 4:7-15

B. All-knowing Life Giver - 4:16-19

C. True Worship – 4:20-26

1. “our Fathers worshiped at this mountain”

Mt. Gerizim, site of the Samaritan temple

2. “the Jews say Jerusalem is where you ought to worship.”

3. Jesus- Location of worship no longer matters

True worshippers come to the Father in Spirit  
and Truth

*“to be acceptable to this infinite Spirit, the worship must be of a spiritual nature-must spring from the heart, through the influence of the Holy Ghost: and it must be in TRUTH, not only in sincerity, but performed according to that Divine revelation which he has given men of himself. A man worships God in spirit, when, under the influence of the Holy Ghost, he brings all his affections, appetites, and desires to the throne of God; and he worships him in truth, when every purpose and passion of his heart, and when every act of his religious worship, is guided and regulated by the word of God.”*

*-Adam Clarke*

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C. True Worship - 4:20-26

D. The Rest of the Story - 4:27-29, 39-42

27 ¶ And upon this came his disciples, and marvelled that he talked with the woman: yet no man said,

*What seekest thou? or, Why talkest thou with her? 28*

The woman then left her waterpot, and went her way into the city, and saith to the men,

*29 Come, see a man, which told me all things that ever I did: is not this the Christ?*

30 Then they went out of the city, and came unto him.



39 And many of the Samaritans of that city believed on him for the saying of the woman, which testified,

*He told me all that ever I did.*

40 So when the Samaritans were come unto him, they besought him that he would tarry with them: and he abode there two days. 41 And many more believed because of his own word; 42 And said unto the woman,

*Now we believe, not because of thy saying: for we have heard him ourselves, and know that this is indeed the Christ, the Saviour of the world.*

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D. The Rest of the Story - 4:27-29, 39-42

1. The disciples return

2. The woman leaves her waterpot, returns to city

3. The townspeople come out of town to see Jesus

4. The people believe

# Take it Home with You-

## Living Water

Source greater than Jacob – not temporal

Truly satisfying – Quenches thirst of the spirit,  
well springing up within, to be lifegiving

Available everywhere - Crosses all cultural and  
social boundaries

# Take it Home with You-

## All-knowing Life Giver - 4:16-19

Jesus knows all about everyone

The invitation to the Gospel is not withdrawn  
because of your own failure and misery

The Gospel is presented for the purpose of  
changing us and bringing hope to failure/misery

# Take it Home with You-

True worship occurs

in the heart, not location

in spirit, not in form only

in truth, not in pretense

God “*seeks*” true worshippers

# Take it Home with You-

The Gospel is for all people

Outcasts of society- our view of others

Outcasts of our own making- view of ourselves

An effective means of spreading the Gospel is telling  
how Jesus changed you