

Eternal Life Through Believing in Jesus

**10) 'It Wasn't The Water He Came
For...It Was Me'**

'Therefore, when the Lord knew that the Pharisees had heard that Jesus made and baptized more disciples than John (though Jesus Himself did not baptize, but His disciples), He left Judea and departed again to Galilee. But He needed to go through Samaria. So He came to a city of Samaria which is called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Now Jacob's well was there. Jesus therefore, being wearied from His journey, sat thus by the well. It was about the sixth hour'

(John 4:1-6)

- ✓ **Jesus was growing in popularity in Jerusalem and didn't want a confrontation with Jewish authorities yet because His time had not come. So He left Judea for Galilee**
- ✓ **The most direct route was through Samaria, but most Jews did not take this route in order to avoid contact with the Samaritans. This made the trip twice as long**
- ✓ **Jesus had to take this route to meet the woman at the well**

'A woman of Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give Me a drink." For His disciples had gone away into the city to buy food. Then the woman of Samaria said to Him, "How is it that You, being a Jew, ask a drink from me, a Samaritan woman?" For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans. 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." The woman said to Him, "Sir, You have nothing to draw with, and the well is deep. Where then do You get that living water? Are You greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well, and drank from it himself, as well as his sons and his livestock?"'

(John 4:7-12)

- ✓ **Women usually came to draw water as a group, and at a cooler time of the day**
- ✓ **She came at midday when the sun was highest, probably to avoid seeing the other women because of her lifestyle**
- ✓ **But that's when Jesus was there. It was a divine appointment – as was ours. He arrived at the well before she did**
- ✓ ***'I was sought by those who did not ask for Me; I was found by those who did not seek Me. I said, 'Here I am, here I am,' to a nation that was not called by My name' (Isa. 65:1)***

Two things surprised the woman:

- **1) That a man would talk to her. Rabbis would not greet or speak to a woman in public – not even their wife or daughter**
- **2) That a Jew would talk to her. 'It is prohibited to eat the bread, and to drink the wine of the Samaritan'. 'If anyone receives a Samaritan into his house, and ministers to him, he will cause his children to be carried into captivity'. 'He who eats the bread of a Samaritan, is as if he ate swine's flesh'**
- **Jesus immediately turned the conversation from the physical to the spiritual**

'Jesus answered and said to her, "Whoever drinks of this water will thirst again, but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst. But the water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life." The woman said to Him, "Sir, give me this water, that I may not thirst, nor come here to draw"' (John 4:13-15)

- ✓ **Continuously coming to the well illustrates the cycle of constant thirsting of mankind**
- ✓ **When God created man, he was indwelt by the Spirit of God, so he was satisfied from within**
- ✓ **Because of sin God vacated the human spirit**
- ✓ **We now search outside ourselves for other created things to satisfy our thirst**

Where do people go to get their needs met?

- ✓ **Relationships. Like this woman. In relationships we will find love, but never perfect love**
- ✓ **Material things. We are not just physical, but spiritual also. We can enjoy created things but we will never be satisfied in the depths of our souls by them**
- ✓ **Coping mechanisms. When the human heart is not indwelt by God it becomes vulnerable to every kind of negative human emotion. People turn to coping mechanisms and become addicted to anything that gives pleasure at the time to compensate for their emotional pain, such as drugs, sex, alcohol, thrills, etc.**

**Our greatest need is not to have our needs met,
but to know that He is our greatest need**

**The thirst in the soul of mankind represents a
deep need that only God can supply**

***'They are abundantly satisfied with the fullness of
Your house, and You give them drink from the
river of Your pleasures. For with You is the
fountain of life' (Psa.36:8-9)***

***'As the deer pants for the water brooks, so pants
my soul for You, O God. My soul thirsts for God,
for the living God' (Psa.42:1-2)***

***'O God, You are my God; early will I seek You; My
flesh longs for You in a dry and thirsty land where
there is no water' (Psa.63:1)***

The only qualification is thirst

'I will pour water on him that is thirsty; and floods on the dry ground' (Isa.44:3)

'Ho! Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters' (Isa.55:1)

'I'm hungry, I must drink some water'

The answer to addiction: 'I don't need to do this because it is enough that God loves me'

Jesus offers a spring within us that will totally satisfy. It does not require the labour of carrying a bucket and taking a heavy load home each day. It only requires drinking

'Jesus 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 well said, 'I have no husband,' for you have had five husbands, and the one whom you now have is not your husband; in that you spoke truly." The woman said to Him, "Sir, I perceive that You are a prophet. Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, and you Jews say that in Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship"'

(John 4:16-20)

**Jesus' request that she call her husband was
tactful**

But she tried to change the conversation

'Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe Me, the hour is coming when you will neither on this mountain, nor in Jerusalem, worship the Father. You worship what you do not know; we know what we worship, for salvation is of the Jews. But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."

(John 4:21-24)

Jesus said, 'Neither'

What thirsty souls need is salvation, not religion

'The woman said to Him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When He comes, He will tell us all things." Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am He"'
(John 4:25-26)

She knows this when Messiah comes He will explain and reveal all things clearly

Jesus answers, 'You have Him; He is now speaking to you'

Nothing more was needed. She had found Jesus the Messiah, the Saviour