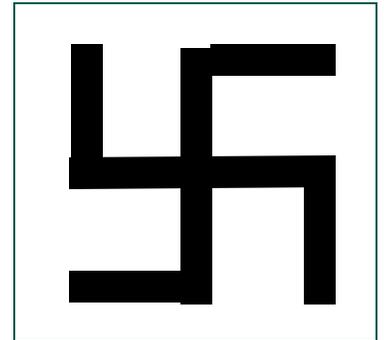


Jesus and the Samaritan Woman

John 4

We recognize this symbol to represent the Nazis, one of the most notorious and wicked groups that ever existed. Would you have seen Jesus sit down with a member of this group, if He had lived in that time? Did He suffer and die on the cross for them?



Prayer

Dear Jesus, Help us to understand Your perfect love for all people. We thank You that You came to seek and to save those who were lost. We ask that You would bless our study this morning so that we may understand Your grace in our lives. Help us never to look down on or despise any other person. Thank You. Amen.

The Story

Therefore, when the Lord knew that the Pharisees had heard that Jesus made and baptized more disciples than John {2} (though Jesus Himself did not baptize, but His disciples), {3} He left Judea and departed again to Galilee. {4} But He needed to go through Samaria.

{5} So He came to a city of Samaria which is called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. {6} Now Jacob's well was there. Jesus therefore, being wearied from His journey, sat thus by the well. It was about the sixth hour.

{7} A woman of 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} Then the woman of Samaria said to Him, "How is it that You, being a Jew, ask a drink from me, a Samaritan woman?" Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.

{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."

{11} 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? {12} "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?"

{13} Jesus answered and said to her, "Whoever drinks of this water will thirst again, {14} "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."

{15} The woman said to Him, "Sir, give me this water, that I may not thirst, nor come here to draw."



{16} Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here."

{17} The woman answered and said, "I have no husband."

Jesus said to her, "You have well said, 'I have no husband,' {18} "for you have had five husbands, and the one whom you now have is not your husband; in that you spoke truly."

{19} The woman said to Him, "Sir, I perceive that You are a prophet. {20} "Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, and you Jews say that in Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship."

{21} Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe Me, the hour is coming when you will neither on this mountain, nor in Jerusalem, worship the Father. {22} "You worship what you do not know; we know what we worship, for salvation is of the Jews. {23} "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. {24} "God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."

{25} The woman said to Him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When He comes, He will tell us all things."

{26} Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am He."

{27} And at this point His disciples came, and they marveled that He talked with a woman; yet no one said, "What do You seek?" or, "Why are You talking with her?"

{28} The woman then left her waterpot, went her way into the city, and said to the men, {29} "Come, see a Man who told me all things that I ever did.

Could this be the Christ?" {30} Then they went out of the city and came to Him.

{31} In the meantime His disciples urged Him, saying, "Rabbi, eat." {32} But He said to them, "I have food to eat of which you do not know."

{33} Therefore the disciples said to one another, "Has anyone brought Him anything to eat?"

{34} Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to finish His work. {35} "Do you not say, 'There are still four months and then comes the harvest'? Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes and look at the fields, for they are already white for harvest! {36} "And he who reaps receives wages, and gathers fruit for eternal life, that both he who sows and he who reaps may rejoice together. {37} "For in this the saying is true: 'One sows and another reaps.' {38} "I sent you to reap that for which you have not labored; others have labored, and you have entered into their labors."

{39} And many of the Samaritans of that city believed in Him because of the word of the woman who testified, "He told me all that I ever did."

{40} So when the Samaritans had come to Him, they urged Him to stay with them; and He stayed there two days. {41} And many more believed because of His own word.

{42} Then they said to the woman, "Now we believe, not because of what you said, for we ourselves have heard Him and we know that this is indeed the Christ, the Savior of the world."

{43} Now after the two days He departed from there and went to Galilee.

Outer Aim - Jesus came to seek and to save all sinners, including the Samaritan woman and the other Samaritans.

What the Story Tells Us - Answer the questions.

1. Why was it unusual for Jesus, a Jew, to be talking to a Samaritan woman?
2. Read verse 11 again. How can you tell that the Samaritan woman didn't understand who Jesus was?
3. Why did Jesus ask the woman to get her husband? Didn't He already know everything about her?
4. In which verse does Jesus reveal His true identity to the woman? _____ Write the passage:
5. The disciples were concerned that Jesus needed to eat. What was Jesus more concerned with?
6. Why did the people of the village believe in Jesus?

What God's Word Tells Us - Answer the following.

1. There should be no racism among Christians. How does this story illustrate this?
2. Because of what Jesus has done for us on the cross, we should be eager to join the "laborers" in the harvest. Sometimes the world makes it hard for us to witness. List some barriers that might prevent us from reaching out with the Gospel:
3. Even though these barriers exist, we know that Jesus will help us. "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." Philippians 4:13. List two or three additional passages that assure us we're not in this alone. Use your concordance to help you.

Inner Aim - Jesus came to seek and to save all sinners, including me.

Passages - Look these up in your Bible. Fill in the missing words.

Luke 19:10- For the Son of _____ has come to _____ and to _____
that which was lost.

John 4:14- But whoever drinks of the _____ that I shall give him will never
_____. But the water that I shall give him will _____ in him a
_____ of water springing up into _____ life.

Luke 10:2 - Then He said to them, "The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few;
therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest."

Hymn - TLH #496

Hark! the voice of Jesus crying,
"Who will go and work today?
Fields are white and harvest waiting,
Who will bear the sheaves away?"
Loud and long the Master calleth,
Rich reward He offers thee;
Who will answer, gladly saying,
"Here am I, send me, send me"?

If you cannot speak like angels,
If you cannot preach like Paul,
You can tell the love of Jesus,
You can say He died for all.
If you cannot rouse the wicked
With the judgment's dread alarms,
You can lead the little children
To the Savior's waiting arms.

If you cannot be a watchman,
Standing high on Zion's wall,
Pointing out the path to heaven,
Offering life and peace to all,
With your prayers and with your bounties
You can do what God demands;
You can be like faithful Aaron,
Holding up the prophet's hands.

Let none hear you idly saying,
"There is nothing I can do,"
While the souls of men are dying
And the Master calls for you.
Take the task He gives you gladly,
Let His work your pleasure be;
Answer quickly when He calleth,
"Here am I, send me, send me!"

Prayer

Dear Savior Jesus Christ, You have commanded us, with Your disciples, to spread Your Word to all nations. Let us never forget that You died for all people of every race and country. Help us to be willing workers in Your kingdom, for the harvest is truly great. We ask this in Your saving name. Amen.