

# Jesus and the Samaritan Woman

## John 4

Which of these people has a Savior? How do you know? We will learn about a woman today who is one of those saved because of Jesus.

### 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?" For 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 did the Samaritan woman think it was strange that Jesus asked her for a drink of water?
2. Explain what Jesus meant by "living water."
3. Jesus asked the woman to call her husband. Why did she answer, "I have no husband?"
4. Why did Jesus ask her that question since He knew the answer?
5. The disciples were concerned that Jesus needed to eat. What did Jesus say was His food? (verse 34)
6. What convinced the Samaritans to believe in Jesus?

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

1. After the Samaritan woman learned about Jesus, she couldn't keep it to herself. She wanted to share this good news with others. What are some ways you can reach out to others? List three.
  - a.
  - b.
  - c.
2. Samaritans and Jews were enemies at the time of our story. That could have been a barrier to Jesus and the woman but Jesus didn't let it stop Him. Can you think of any possible barriers today that might prevent you from sharing the Gospel with others?
  - a.
  - b.
3. Unscramble this Bible passage and print it on the line below.

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(hint: Luke 19:10)

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

### Passages

John 4:14 - "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."

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 #277

I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
"Come unto Me and rest;  
Lay down thou weary one, lay down  
Thy head upon My breast."  
I came to Jesus as I was,  
Weary and worn and sad;  
I found in Him a resting place,  
And He has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
"Behold, I freely give  
The living water; thirsty one,  
Stoop down and drink and live."  
I came to Jesus, and I drank  
Of that life-giving stream.  
My thirst was quenched, my soul revived,  
And now I live in Him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "I am this dark world's Light.  
Look unto Me; thy morn shall rise and all thy day be bright."  
I looked to Jesus, and I found in Him my Star, my Sun;  
And in that Light of Life I'll walk till trav'ling days are done.

### Prayer

Dear Jesus,

You shared the precious news of Your Gospel with the Samaritan woman. Help me to share Your saving Word with everyone I meet, so that they too will know about the "living water". Make me a willing laborer to gather in Your harvest. Thank You, Lord, for Your great love and mercy. Amen.