

# “The Gospel of John: An Angry Woman – Part 1”

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## Scripture

### John 4:1-14

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

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." She said to Him, "Sir, You have nothing to draw with and the well is deep; **where then do You get that living water?** "**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?"

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

## Overview of the Gospels

- **Matthew** -> **Jewish flavor to the writing, portraying Jesus as the Christ and King**
- **Mark** -> **Jesus as the “Son of Man”, really Peter’s Gospel for the Gentiles**
- **Luke** -> **Jesus is Human and the Redeemer of Humanity**
- **John** -> **Jesus is the Divine “Son of God”**

## Why Write the Gospel?

Matthew, Mark and Luke’s Gospels were already around. Why another one?

## The Purpose for John’s Gospel

### John 20:30-31

“Therefore, **many other signs Jesus also performed** in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book;

But these have been written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing you may have life in His name.”

Many events in John not recorded elsewhere

## The Divine Appointment

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He left His ministry area for Galilee

The Jews treatment of Samaritans -> they were outcasts – the dregs of society – to be avoided

Who would you consider to be an outcast?

What do they look like, sound like, live like?

Samaria was a place for robbers. Most people took a well-worn path around Samaria to Galilee (see map)



The most direct path to Galilee was a direct North path through Samaria

Jesus **Had to** “Must Needs” Go -> Spirit Directed -> Divine Appointments

Some uses of the Greek *dei* – “to be necessary or must occur”

- Wars and Rumors of Wars
- Elijah must come first (attributed to John the Baptist)
- Jesus had to go to the cross

### Ephesians 2:10

“For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them.”

Certain interactions with people have been prepared ahead of time for us to complete

Jesus led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted (Matthew 4:1)

Paul and Barnabas being prevented from going into Asia by “the Spirit of Jesus” (Acts 16)

## The Woman at the Well

### John 4:5-7

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Sychar – **half mile from Jacob's well** – near Shechem -> between Mt. Ebal and Mt. Gerazim

Sixth hour -> noon, **the middle of the day's heat**

Jesus is Human -> He is Wearied

Jesus waits for the woman to show up

When she does, Jesus commands her to give Him a drink

### An Angry Woman

### John 4:8-9

“For His disciples had gone away into the city to buy food. 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.)”

His disciples **leave Him (In Samaria!!!)** to go buy food

They would not have left Him there unless He directed them to go

We learn a good bit about the Jews and Samaritan interactions from “The Good Samaritan”

### Luke 10:25-37 (The Good Samaritan)

“And a lawyer stood up and put Him to the test, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" And He said to him, "What is written in the Law? How does it read to you?" And he answered, "YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, AND WITH ALL YOUR STRENGTH, AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND; AND YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF." And He said to him, "You have answered correctly; DO THIS AND YOU WILL LIVE." But wishing to justify himself, he said to Jesus, "**And who is my neighbor?**"

30 Jesus replied and said, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among robbers, and they stripped him and beat him, and went away leaving him half dead. "And by chance **a priest was going down** on that road, and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. "Likewise, **a Levite also**, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. "But **a Samaritan**, who was on a journey, came upon him; and **when he saw him, he felt compassion, and came to him and bandaged up his wounds, pouring oil and wine on them; and he put him on his own beast, and brought him to an inn and took care of him.**

35 "On the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper and said, 'Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, when I return I will repay you.'

"Which of these three do you think proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell into the robbers' hands?"  
And he said, "The one who showed mercy toward him." Then Jesus said to him, "**Go and do the same.**"

Who do you think Jesus was sharing this parable with?

Obviously, the lawyer is Jewish and despises Samaritans

Jesus breaks three protocols (not merely the one that John records)

1. Jewish men would not talk to an unknown woman in public
2. Jews would not interact with Samaritans
3. He asked her to give Him a drink from her jar (which would have been ceremonial unclean)

Yet, Jesus is willing to break these customs -> it was a divine appointment

## Living Water

### John 4:10

"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."

Living water has OT significance

### Zechariah 14:6-8

"In that day there will be no light; the luminaries will dwindle. For it will be a unique day which is known to the LORD, neither day nor night, but it will come about that at evening time there will be light **and in that day living waters will flow out of Jerusalem**, half of them toward the eastern sea and the other half toward the western sea; it will be in summer as well as in winter."

The living water would come in the Messianic (Millennial) Kingdom

God calls Himself the "fountain of living waters"

### Jeremiah 2:13

"For **My people have committed two evils**: They have forsaken Me, **the fountain of living waters** to hew for themselves cisterns, Broken cisterns That can hold no water."

The people of Jeremiah's day (in Judah) had turned their back on God who was "the fountain of living waters"

The Samaritans only used the Pentateuch -> would have been unfamiliar with these prophets

Therefore, Jesus says, "If you knew who I am, you would have asked Me for **an everlasting drink!**"

It is the water that brings life everlasting that Jesus is speaking about – from the fountain of living water

## John 4:11-12

“She said to Him, "Sir, You have nothing to draw with and the well is deep; **where then do You get that living water?** "**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?"

The woman says, “you got nothing to draw with!” – “the well is deep” – “what are you going to do?”

She’s saying, “You can’t even get this water, how are you going to get living water!”

“You’re not greater than our father Jacob, are you?”

In essence, “Who are you, big boy?” -> she’s thinking Jesus is a rebellious Jew, breaking all the customs

She is still a little angry, but growing curious about Jesus

## John 4:13-14

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

Jesus teaches her about spiritual life -> the eternal nature of the Spirit

The living water is a consistently replenishing spiritual life in Christ

What do we learn about this meeting with the woman so far?

- Jesus had divine appointments (and so do believers)
- Jesus was called to reach the outcasts of society (and believers are so called, too!)
- Jesus broke many cultural boundaries to reach out (and believers should also reach out)
- Jesus patiently dealt with an angry woman (and believers should also be patient)
- Jesus spoke the truth about spiritual life (and believers should speak direct truth)

May we all be willing to follow Jesus’s example in the power of the Spirit!

## Prayer

## Benediction