

The Word “WELL” in John 4

Two different Greek root words and definitions

Strong’s Concordance #4077

Found in Verses 6 & 14 (when the Bible/Jesus refer to the well)

Well: fountain, well, source of supply, thru the idea of gushing plumply

1. fountain, spring – springing up, to leap; gush up
2. a well fed by a spring

Strong’s Definitions

πηγή pēgḗ, pay-gay'; probably from G4078 (through the idea of gushing plumply); a fount (literally or figuratively), i.e. source or supply (of water, blood, enjoyment) (not necessarily the original spring):—fountain, well.

Strong’s Concordance #5421

Found in Verses 11 & 12 (when the woman refers to the very same well)

A well

1. the pit of the abyss (because the nether world is thought to increase in size the further it extends from the surface of the earth and so resemble a cistern, the orifice of which is narrow)

Strong’s Definitions

φρέαρ phréar, feh'-ar; of uncertain derivation; a hole in the ground (dug for obtaining or holding water or other purposes), i.e. a cistern or well; figuratively, an abyss (as a prison):—well, pit.