

THE GOSPEL *of* JOHN

CHAPTER 4:1-26

Part 1

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

“The Bad Samaritan”

THE THEME OF BOOK:

John 1:12

But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name:

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Worship, Holy Spirit, Living Water, Eternal life

1.) Jesus always keeps His appointments vv. 1-6

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- It was about the sixth hour.

a.) *By waiting on the Father* V.1-3

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“when the Lord knew that the Pharisees had heard”

Growing Opposition

The Pharisees Were Looking for Something
to Pin on Jesus

The News was Spreading – John & Jesus were Challenging Their World

Jesus Waits for the Father

Verse 2

(Though Jesus Himself did not baptize, but His disciples),

Jesus Did Not Baptize Because Baptism was Not the Point of His Ministry

Those Who Were Being Baptized had Professed Faith in Jesus Christ

Jesus always keeps His appointments

b.) By doing His Father's will

V.4

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The Rift Between the Jews and the Samaritans

The Samaritans were an Ethnic group of people made up of those foreign nations that captured Israel in times past – these had been established in the area of samaria

Nearly extinct,

Samaritans are only around 600 in number today.

Mount Gerizim

is Their Holy Place where they still offer up a lamb as a sacrificial atonement once a year

But He needed to go through Samaria

It Was God's Will That An Appointment Be Kept

((If You're Alive Today - God has an Appointment With You))

Jesus always keeps His appointments

c.) *By coming from heaven to earth* v.6

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(12:00 Noon)

John Earlier Had Pointed Out Jesus' Deity
Now John Points Out His Humanity

Jesus Experienced Our Humanity

Hebrews 10:5

Therefore, when He came into the world, He said: "Sacrifice and offering You did not desire, but a body You have prepared for Me.

By coming from heaven to earth

Hebrews 2:9

But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels, for the suffering of death crowned with glory and honor, that He, by the grace of God, might taste death for everyone.

2.) *Jesus desires life for all of us* vv. 7-12

The Purpose For Jesus' Coming Was to Give us

>>>>> "Life" <<<<<<

John 10:10

"The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.

Jesus desires life for all of us

a.) He calls you to consider your life

v.7-9

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.

Verse 7a

A woman of Samaria came to draw water

This is most unusual because Sychar, the city, had enough water there. It's where she would have lived. In fact Jacobs well was nearly a Mile outside of the city and no longer necessary for water.

It's The Sixth Hour or 12:00 Noon

There Something Strange Here,
A Woman, So Far From Home, In the Heat of the Day

Verse 7b

Jesus said to her, **"Give Me a drink."**

We Know From Verses 16 to 18

That This is a Woman Who had a chain of miserable relationships

#1 starting off at a young age

She had experienced the race of young love. Exciting and exhilarating
But something went wrong along the way and she was left alone

#2 Again

Love paid her a visit, a little more cautious this time, a bit more independent, she enters into what she is hoping will be a relationship that will rescue her from her

painful past. – But this love also, in time, smolders into cold ashes of hopes broken and dreams unfulfilled.

#3 Again

Another man, another relationship but this time the emotional walls are high. She is hoping against hope for fear of disappointment – but the predictable happens again and she finds herself alone, perhaps trying to convince herself that she is better but not bitter.

#4 Again - #5 Again

#6 Again

She now has little expectations and even less hope of having a real, lasting and loving relationship. But just to be safe, she avoids marriage and decides to live with a man rather than marry him. Fooling herself into thinking that she has what she needs and she's somehow safe from hurt.

Broken Relationships Often Ravage a Persons Heart & Soul

Leaving a person frayed, tattered, hungry and thirsty for a meaningful life

In That Culture

A divorced woman was a scourge! Men would avoid her for fear of rumors and women would despise her because she represented immorality.

Common Women would draw water twice a day.

Once in the early morning hours and again in the late afternoon

But This Woman went when no other woman would be around
so that she wouldn't be fuel for gossip

She Was Not Only a Samaritan Woman

She was a divorced woman.
A fornicating woman,
She was no doubt a very Lonely Woman

"Give Me a drink."

(I wonder what she was thinking at that request?)

Verse 8-9

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.

Sadly - We Cannot Hear The Tone of the Conversation

Jesus desires life for all of us

b.) He offers us satisfaction

v.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."

He is the key to satisfaction
Jesus Here is Clearly in a
Great Place of Authority

**"If you knew the gift of God"
and
Who it is who says to you"**

**you would have asked Him,
and
He would have given you living water**

This Had to Have Frustrated Her a Little

But His Invitation is to Ask!

What is Required of Us?

“Just to Ask”

How Hard is it to Receive a Gift?

Psalm 116:13

I will **take up the cup of salvation**, and call upon the name of the LORD.

Romans 10:9-13

that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, **you will be saved**. 10 For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. 11 For the Scripture says, "Whoever believes on Him will not be put to shame." 12 For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, for the same Lord over all is rich to all who call upon Him. 13 For "**whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.**"

living water **grk** flowing, moving, bubbling up water

Jacob's Well Water
(Though drinkable)

It Sat Stagnant, Silent and Motionless

In Contrast to Jesus' (Joshua's) Water

It's springing up / active / fresh

He is the key to satisfaction

Have you ever been thirsty at the beach or out at sea?

It doesn't matter one bit about how much water surrounds you, you can't drink any of it. It will not satisfy one minute

Jesus desires life for all of us

c.) *He wants to open our eyes*

v.11-12

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?"

She Can Only See With Her Natural Eyes

Heart Broken – Physically Used & Emotionally Numb

Sir, Let me Help you to Understand Life

The well is 78 feet deep – and you offer me a drink - Hello!!!

You not only asked me for a drink – but you have nothing to retrieve any water with for yourself. So how is it that you have any ability to offer me a drink?

- - Sir!

You Remind me of me. I am Thirsty too. – always thirsty!

I want someone to quench my thirst by giving to me. But I have come to know that in this world my thirst cannot be comforted. the real thirst I have is not able to be quenched because I do not have what it takes to get to “the water” from the well and into my heart...

Yes Sir – I know How You Feel

No Young Lady!!!

The Truth Is I Know How You Feel. - I Have Always Known How You Feel. I Have Always Known What You Wanted But More Importantly, I Have Always Known What You've Needed

Hebrews 4:15-16

For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but (Jesus) was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin. 16 Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Jeremiah 31:3

"I have loved you with an everlasting love; I have **drawn you** with loving-kindness.

Hebrews 13:5b-6

...For He Himself has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you." 6 So we may boldly say: "The Lord is my helper; I will not fear. What can man do to me?"

If Jesus Were Just a Man

The scenario would seem confusing and the situation, impossible

But Jesus is Attempting to get her to see
that Her personal situation is both confusing and impossible
for her to cope with on her own

3.) Jesus stands ready to meet your need vv. 13-15

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."

Jesus stands ready to meet your need

a.) Ready to replace what the world gives v.13

Jesus answered and said to her,
"**Whoever drinks of this water will thirst again,**

Whoever drinks – That's You Woman!
&
will thirst again

It Doesn't Matter Who You Are All of Mankind is Thirsty

Jesus stands ready to meet your need

b.) Ready to give away what He has v.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."

Here Jesus is boldly suggesting that
He is the source to the water

“You must ask *me* for it”

Life is only Life
when it is Under the control of the Life-giver

You may be Alive Right now
But do you have Life?

She was Alive – But she didn't have Life

springing up grk 242 hallomai (hal'-lom-ahee);
to jump up; to gush out: to leap forth

Acts 3:6-8

Then Peter said, "Silver and gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk." 7 And he took him by the right hand and lifted him up, and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength. 8 So he, leaping up, stood and walked and entered the temple with them-- walking, leaping, and praising God.

Revelation 21:6

And He said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. I will give of the fountain of the water of life freely to him who thirsts.

Revelation 22:17

And the Spirit and the bride say, "Come!" And let him who hears say, "Come!" And let him who thirsts come. Whoever desires, let him take the water of life freely.

Revelation 7:17

"for the Lamb who is in the midst of the throne will shepherd them and lead them to living fountains of waters. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Jesus stands ready to meet your need

c.) *Ready to bless you with Himself*

v.15

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

“Sir, give me this water that I may not thirst”

Spiritually, She is awakening to Her Real Need

Everyone in the hearing of my voice must agree
That built into the human race is a void, an emptiness, a
longing.

Perhaps you might hear His words and recognize your need that you would say to
Jesus - I too need this living water

1 Corinthians 6:9-11

Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God. 11 And such were some of you. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God.