

The Woman at the Well

John 4:3-42

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Jesus was sitting by a well near a small town in Samaria. A woman came out to draw water. Jesus asked her for a drink. As a Samaritan, she was surprised this man, a Jew, would even speak to her.

Jesus said, "If you knew what God wants to give you, if you knew who I am, you would be asking me for a drink, a drink of living water. Anyone who drinks the water from this well will become thirsty again. Anyone who drinks the water I offer will never be thirsty. The water I give will become, inside, a spring of living water welling up to eternal life."

"Sir," she said, "give me some of this water."

"Go, get your husband."

"I don't have a husband."

"You have had five husbands, but the man you are living with now is not your husband."

"You are a prophet. Please, tell me... we Samaritans worship God here on Mount Gerizim, but the Jews say we should worship in Jerusalem. Who is right?"

"It doesn't matter where you worship. What matters is how you worship. God is looking for those who are willing to worship in spirit and in truth."

"This is very confusing to me. But I know the Messiah is coming, and he will explain everything."

Then Jesus said, "**I AM** the Messiah."

The woman ran back into town and told everyone what had happened to her. The whole town went out to see Jesus. He stayed with them for two days. Many people believed in him and said, "He is the savior of the world."