

## *Living Water*

### **John 4:4-7, 9-10**

**And he had to pass through Samaria. 5 So he came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the field that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. 6 Jacob's well was there; so Jesus, wearied as he was from his journey, was sitting beside the well. It was about the sixth hour. 7 A woman from Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." 9 The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a woman of Samaria?" (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.) 10 Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living Water."**

Jesus and his disciples were traveling from Judea to Galilee. Jews traveling this route tended to not go near Samaria because they looked on the Samaritans as half-breeds and not true Jews. Jesus does not follow the usual script and leads his disciples right through the heart of Samaria. He does not turn down an opportunity to minister to down-trodden people.

He also does not use the excuse that his weariness stop him from interacting with a very sinful woman. The woman knows the rituals of Jews and Samaritans interactions. Again, Jesus does not let human customs get in the way of spiritual ministry.

He sees the woman as yet another person that his heavenly Father loves. He uses the need for water to introduce his gift of living spiritual water. The woman is still thinking in human terms when she questions how he is going to draw this water because the well is deep and he has nothing with which to draw water from a deep well.

Jesus knows how much God loves us just as we are. We, too, are sinful people in need of help from our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Jesus knows how thirsty we are. Jesus knows we are desperate for the living water only he can give. So Jesus goes down – down, even into death, to fetch us that gift. He brings it back to us, out of death into life, at his resurrection. And now he quenches our thirst with endless love, forgiveness, and salvation.  
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Prayer: Lord, thank you for your spiritual water. Help us to take hearty drinks every day. Amen