

John gives us this scene so clearly and fully as he relates it to us. And he says that the Pharisees were saying that Jesus was baptizing more people than John. And not wishing to reflect upon his fore runner, Jesus had left Judea and he was going to Galilee. And John says he must go through Samaria because of the ancient feud between the Jews and the Samaritans, no Jew would pass through there unless he could help it. And they were descendants of Assyrians who had been in Samaria after the conquest of that kingdom by the Assyrians. Now these colonists had been instructed by priests of Israel sent to them from the captives in Assyria. And the result was they had a dual worship. It was combined with the worship of God and the worship of idols. They had their sacred mountain Gerizin where they built a temple. He blessed mankind for generations to come. How wonderful it is, here is a well a (100 ft. deep) with this wonderful cool water. And John says that Jesus being weary with his journey, sat thus on the well, the sun was just as hot then, and the roads were just as hard as they are today out in the country. And Jesus was just as tired as you have been at times. And he is interested in a drink. He had dismissed his disciples to go to the village to buy some bread and there he is alone. And it is one of the few times

V. 1-2 John Cont. Preaching - Jesus & Disciples Baptizing + 1

"THE SIGNIFICANT WATER"

Memory Recalls The  
 Old Well in Country - Two Sweep John 4  
 Lower Bucket - Water Makes - Harus - House  
 St Augustine, Pa. - Fountain youth

Wishing Well  
 well - Man  
 wife -  
 Looked  
 Finally, old lady  
 fell in - Be  
 gone at work

INTRODUCTION:

V. 3 Jesus left Judea - Returned to Province of Galilee

We come now to one of those beautiful scenes at the wells of the Bible. Only this time it is not Moses winning Exo. 2:15 set on Well Midian - seven Daughters of Priest - Moses took water from the hand of Zipporah at her father's well in the desert.

We remember Eliezer seeking Rebekah for Isaac at the well of Mesopotamia. Ben. 24: 11  
 Rebekah Picture - Ask for Drink of Watered Animals, old man  
 wise - Bag Founding for girl - Trip - Found ISAAC in Field meditate.

Nor is this Jacob seeking to win Rachel by the well of Haran.

But this is Christ, himself, the eternal one seeking to win a sinful woman at a well in (Sychar).

When we consider the significant water, our minds could travel miles from here, and we could consider Niagara Falls - where tons and tons of water plunge over the falls minute after minute, day after day, hour after hour. That is significant water. We could transport our minds to the Atlantic Ocean and stand on the beach and look out upon the great expands of water, and discover a view that is almost breathless. That is significant water.

We perhaps could go to Hot Springs and there vision the warm mineral water flowing out of the ground. Or we

Beyond Hyson - north of Alaska -  
 could go up into Alaska where this mineral water flows the  
 year round and its warm and it is soothing.

We might take a trip out to the Grand Canyon and see  
 the mighty river roll its way down through that canyon. That  
 seems to be significant water. We might go up to Yellowstone  
 Park and there be introduced to the famous gyser known as  
Old Faithful. Where on the hour, every hour, for years this  
 unbelievable event takes place. The boiling water comes  
 streaming out and bubbles and overflows because of the  
 tremendous heat in the earth in the rocks. This is signifi-  
 cant water. If you have ever watched it, you know that it  
 is significant, because it is the most unusual sight you've  
 ever witnessed.

*Discovered in 1870 -  
 93 min longest interval - 33 min shortest -  
 Sends hot boiling water as volcano 130 ft. -  
 10,000 gallons of water during eruption -  
 Old Faithful plays on the love eye for summer weeks -  
 Good in Faithful in buying power - love*

But tonight I want us to come and look at some  
 significant water in the Bible.

And I have listed it under four heads. First, Jacob's  
well. Second, a thirsty woman. Third, an invitation to  
drink. Fourth, why this water is significant.

### I. Jacob's Well.

The question comes as the woman asked him "Sir, thou  
has nothing to draw with. The well is deep." The question  
 of a Samaritan woman of the city of Sychar. The Samaritans

were to the Israelites an out cast people being of mixed  
Jews and Gentile blood and were sometimes idolatress. There  
 was great hate between the Jews and this group of people.  
Josephias said that they claimed or disowned kinship  
 with the Jews as it suited their circumstances. The Jews  
 in turn avoided all in a course with them, even going far  
 out of their way in journeying to the North, rather than  
 passing through their land. The Samaritans also annoyed  
 the Jews by refusing hospitality to travelers who passed  
 through their country. Sometimes they robbed them. Hence,  
 it is not surprising that this woman should ask and speak  
 to Jesus.

Look at this picture, here sits a man in the strength  
of youth. He is about 30, but today he is tired. His feet  
 and sandals are dusty. He has been journeying all the  
 morning by foot. But now at the noon hour he is resting.  
 And the place of this resting is an old well curb. Now this  
 well had been giggered by the hands of one many years ago.  
This traveler is thirsty, he has no means of drawing water,  
 so he sits upon the well curb and he waits for his disciples  
 who had been sent off to buy some food. And we discover  
 that here comes a woman. She is cheaply clad and she has a  
dark story of a sinful life.

you haven't even got Bucket - Jack had to have Bucket

from. Literally there is no way to reach this. Now this sounds very much like Nicodemus, who was questioning how can these things be. How is it that I am going to be born again. How am I going to experience this new birth. And this woman here was saying, she was thirsty but she was saying how are you going to draw this water. There are countless thousands of people today with this same impression. They have some sort of religion, perhaps some have been sprinkled as infants, some have been reared in Christian homes, some have been confirmed at a certain age, some people like Nicodemus and like this woman who are moral, Nicodemus was moral and this woman was immoral. And some are even good students of the Bible but all of these people share with Nicodemus and with this woman the idea of doing something for salvation. He was an intelligent man and Jesus was explaining to him that physical birth was the result of physical birth. To give physical life, but spiritual life was the result of spiritual birth. And that this was what a man needed. No, not even the well that is at hand because it is too deep. She knows nothing of the power of God, but there are those who would trust Christ no further than they can see him, and will not believe his promise. Why, she kind of scoffed and said you do not have buckets to draw with, where can you get this living water. She does not think it

that we find Jesus by himself. And he hears the sounds of footsteps on the pathway and he sees a woman coming with a water pot on her shoulder. Why had she come at that hot hour of the day, the 6th hour. Why had she come alone. The women usually in groups arrived at the well early in the morning and at an evening hour, they'd talk and have conversation. But here in this hour, perhaps this woman to avoid the sneers of the others.

From what is said we gather that this woman was not a real old woman and yet she was just probably middle-aged. And all of her beauty had about departed. She had given herself to the passions of vice. She was despised of her neighbors and here was Jesus on the well and requested her to give him a drink. Now Christ had not come here in Samaria to preach or to work miracles, or to preach publicly. But he was merely passing through. As in Verse 4. And there was this wicked profane inner mixture of people as described in I Corinthians 5:10. Now we should not go into places of temptation but we need must and then we should not reside in them but just hasten to pass through. It was happy for Samaria that it was in the way of Christ. For here at Sychar, this place in the Old Testament, a place where he preached and offered a great opportunity of hope. Herelay

Jacob's ground, the parcel of ground which Jacob gave to his son Joseph, whose bones were buried in it, According to Genesis. And here it was at Jacob's well which he used for his family and for himself, and Jesus is here at the 6th hour and he is weary. He was traveling not on horseback, not in a chariot, but on foot.

What did Jesus really do for this woman? Not heal her, raise her child from dead, turn water into wine, simply talked to her - wash, words, words

## II. A Thirsty Woman

The circumstances we have noted here and in Verse 7 it begins the discourse about water. This woman has come to (draw) water and this is where they fed the flocks, and his disciples had gone to buy meat, and here in the daily providences of life this woman comes to the well. It seems there is just a fragment of time and yet he requests a drink from this poor thirsty woman. And he said, give me to drink. And he comes as a beggar. Christ asked not only because he needed it and needed her help, but because he would draw a further illustration to teach her.

Now she did not deny his request in Verse 9. Now is it. What a mortal hate there must have been between the Jews and the Samaritans. The Jews were extremely malicious and here they would not eat with them. Men were made to have dealings one with another. And how ready this woman was to correct

Christ because she recognized he was a Jew. And she thought it was very strange.

She thought it strange that he should ask her this kindness for it was the pride of the Jews that they should endure hardship rather than to bow down or humble themselves to ask anything of a Samaritan.

We must, like our master, put on goodness and kindness though it should be ever so much wherever it is in our country. This woman expected that Christ should be as other Jews were.

Another thing that she wondered she expected to receive a kindness. That you Jews could deny it to one of our nations and now you ask it to be granted to one of yours.

Verse 10. Now divine things he said, if you knew, he did not pay much attention or notice to the hatred existing there but he went on to talk to her about the gift that he was able to give. A gift that would come from God and unspeakable privilege, he said if you only knew about this.

He hopes, concerning her, what she would have done if she had known him. To be sure she would have not given him such a rude answer. For he said, if you had known, you would have asked, something about the benefits of Christ. And she would have sought more knowledge in this.

In Verse 11 and 12 she said, you have nothing to draw

unbearable. If you knew what God could do for you, how much he could mean to your wasted life, then you would ask him, you would seek him, you would now try to reach him.

The characteristics of this woman are very clear.

First, she was a thirsty woman. It was noon time, hot, she had her water pots to fill.

She was somewhat of a religious woman. We note that this is a surprise to us. Dr. G. Campbell Morgan says we are surprised that in the course of this conversation that he said so much to her that it is almost certain we should have felt her unready to receive and consequently should have postponed the saying to a later date.

She had scriptural knowledge -- knowledge of the religion of her people. Why she said, our father Jacob, which gave us this well, she knew about Jacob, the great man of God. She knew about this from the scripture or from hearing it expounded.

She had a knowledge about the coming Messiah and more over, she had knowledge of religion when she started a controversy about where people should worship. Now it is a mistake which the church is making in our age to think

possible. Jesus did not enter into the merits of the ancient dispute between the Jews and the Samaritans. He disregarded this but instead of that, he told her of a real and present opportunity. And how eager he reached out after her soul. For here was a thirsty woman.

There is no scorn in the tone and yet the woman is not in the least softened by it. She rather glories in the fact that she has him at a disadvantage. Oh yes, she doubtless says to herself, you a Jew - full of pride, here you are to tempt the Samaritans. You never have any use for us anyway except when we are needed and here am I just a sinful woman. Now Jesus does not answer her in this way and he makes no apology for his request, he does not answer scorn with scorn but he merely says, if thou knew the gift of God and who it is that is speaking to you, why you would ask for the living waters.

If thou knew, we need to underline that statement. Now that is the trouble with a lot of people. It is that you do not know the marvelous opportunity with which you stand face to face with. Your trouble is that you are unaware of a fountain of eternal life. Here is one that is more faithful than Old Faithful. If thou knew, if you only knew how he could quiet your sinful heart. If you only knew that he

had the message of hope and salvation. If you only knew that he could remove that burden that you have ahead of you. If you only knew that the dark and lonely places where you will go in life, you will need here, not to ignore the friendship and the abiding companionship that is offered you in Jesus Christ.

If you knew the tenderness of this voice, the compassion, if you only knew the gift of God. If you only knew who I am instead of my having to beg you, instead of my having to stand and knock at your door, why you would be asking, you would be opening the door.

Now this is a rather amazing thing for Jesus to be talking to a fallen woman. And there he stands and there she stands in her shame. And once no doubt she was a beautiful woman but now all of her romances have gone to pieces and she has little sacredness left in her life and today she is living in open sin.

Who would have ever expected any marked change in this woman. That underneath in her heart, there was a hungry heart and who would have ever thought that for one moment she longed to live a better life. And here she is with all the sins of the past and with that hunger and with that thirst.

That thirst belongs to every man. There is not one that is not stirred by it. It belongs to mankind, to men and women everywhere.

It was the longing of David who said "my soul thirsted for God, for the living God." And later he said "as the hart panted after the water brook, so panted my soul after thee O God." And we need to recognize that this belongs to sinners, it belongs to saints. Here is a longing, a thirsting, that we might be satisfied in our souls. This is a thirsting for the living God.

Jesus knew men and women, he knew the heart of this woman and her deepest needs. And he knows the heart of every man. And he knew the stain that was upon this woman's heart. You remember Augustine said "God has made us for himself, and we never find rest til we rest in him."

You remember the Greeks said to Andrew that day in Jerusalem "Sir, we would see Jesus." There was a longing in their hearts for this. And as Jesus was here before this unclean woman, we recognize that here is a thirsty woman. And when I tell you this is a universal longing, you may speak to some friend of yours who seems not to care about religion, but beneath there is a restlessness and a heart sick, and there are times that literally the thirst is

faults, her sins, as many people today.

And he whom thou hast is not thy husband. Either she was never married to him, or that he had some other wife.

And her other former husbands were living and thus here is a reproof to her.

*V. 19* In Verse 19 here is a case of conscience proposed to Christ by the woman. The inducement she had to put this case, Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet. And she thought

*20* to side-track him by speaking about religious worship. In

Verse 21 and she began to talk about the Father's place of worship. And to tell him that the very thing she was

*21* striving to preserve was passing away. And the hour was

coming when they would neither worship in Jerusalem nor in

the mountain which she had pointed out in manner. This

certainly would challenge our own hearts concerning our

worship. He dismissed both of these places as necessary

places to worship and he reached this woman's heart, and he

had the ability to tell her all things.

Did this woman have spiritual insight enough to believe

this stranger was the Messiah. I think that she must have.

*V. 20* And she rushed back to tell her own people about this. In

reality while she forgot her pail of water, she went away

with the entire well in her soul. This is the attitude of

our Lord. And refreshing indeed, the disciples had been sent

that religion is only for the cultural group. Jesus here had knowledge of even the common people. And people who have lived lives that come to grips with reality, the great sin, spiritual truths, those who live more detached lives.

No one is so hard to reach with the gospel except one who is trained in the idea that moral and spiritual realities are not so.

This woman was morally indifferent and she was conscious no doubt of her immorality but she had repeated her sins so often that they meant nothing to her. And Jesus was to talk to her about this. There are multitudes of people like her today, spotted with sin, awaiting the probe of the Gospel of Christ.

It is clear that in the soul of this woman there is a thirst for something higher and better. Who is this, she thought. This stranger telling me that thou ought to ask him to give me a drink, to give me a drink of the living water. Sir, the well is deep and you have nothing to draw with. And Jesus was saying, whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again. But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him, then it shall be one of everlasting life. He looks and speaks as if he could make good what he says. And she becomes interested in it.

### III. An Invitation To Drink

v.16 Now the attitude of Jesus toward this woman is certainly obvious here. He brings her to a conviction of sin.

Henry VanDyke said, Jesus never said or did anything to minimize or disregard sin. To cover it up with flowers, to transform it, to a mere defeat, or mistake. To deny its reality and explain it away. Sin was sin with Jesus. And he had come to redeem the race from its power.

He had compassion toward the woman who was a sinner. He was kind and friendly, he said, give me a drink. And he had no desire to raise a traditional quarrel, but he comes with a challenge, nothing that the woman did nor did not perceive the spiritual import of his message. But rather continued to talk of the water of Jacob's well. That he had nothing to draw with.

v.17 We see that Christ even had a good attitude toward her religious controversy, he put his finger upon the peculiar sin in a business like way, he asked her to go and call her husband and she said, "I have no husband". And how surprised she must have been when he told her that she not only had a husband but she had five husbands. This amazed her, what has this to do with it. She must have thought to herself.

But the purpose of Christ was to appeal to the woman's sense of sin, and show her that she could not drink and no one can

~~Canceled Church Service~~ Some people think the judgment day has been canceled by way side -  
 Bro. you need to know that Rel. is more than a ch. service  
Jesus had complete knowledge of this woman's past.  
~~Should have put her in practice at home today~~  
 Thou has well said, "I have no husband", for thou has had

five husbands. Now either some of them were dead, separated  
 She not "Liz Taylor": The social system had passed her from man to man  
 from her, at the present one she was living with was not  
Exposed her wounds - Issue of life -  
 her true husband. There was silence for a moment and of

course she felt ashamed of her unworthy life. And Jesus was dealing with her sin. This was a mystery He is evidently sincere and yet what can he mean. Here is a puzzle, when can I have this living water. And here is the problem of my sins at the same time. She had pointed out to her in verse 14 the living water would give satisfaction.

And that you will never thirst for here will be an abundance. And it will be ever ready, it will be never failing, and this water will never be exhausted. It will be springing up. It is springing up into everlasting life which intimates that here is something that comes from Heaven. The crown of eternal life.

v.15 In verse 15 this woman begs for this water. She speaks for some of it. And then she challenges him, a rare invention, of the carnal heart.

v.18 In verse 16-18, we have concerning her husband, that he must have awakened her conscience and that she must call her husband in. She was trying to evade the conviction, her



cords that were broken will vibrate once more. Here is this passing opportunity, the value of the moment, this woman at the well. An opportunity of a life time, and this is your opportunity. In old oriental countries where water is often scarce, they have men to carry water, selling the water for so much per drink. Their cry is this, "the gift of God who will buy, who will buy."

And sometimes a man will buy the whole supply and then allow the water carrier to give it away. And as he goes back down the street, he no longer says the gift of God, who will buy but the gift of God, who will take. The gift of God, who will take.

That is my message to you, the gift of God, who will take. It is yours for the taking. May God help you to take it even now. This woman had an appreciation of Jesus.

1. she thought of him only as (a Jew) in Verse 9.

Next she wondered whether or not he was greater than

2. (Jacob) Verse 12.

3. Then she thought of him as a prophet in Verse 19.

4. And finally she thought of him as the Messiah in Verse 25 and 29. And last she had a willingness then to give her life to him. In Verse 28, and to give a testimony in Verse 29. Therefore, we see that she received this water.

And it was a blessing to her life. Now these are parallel

V. 35 Spirit was Harvest - 1 - went to people she knew 2 - she started with what she had experienced 3 - she invited them to find out for themselves  
17  
He does not say or

hesitate say that he can meet her needs. And he said that this will be a permanent thing with you. And what is true of the well, is true of all wells, that have ever been digged by human hands. What is wrong with them. For one thing, they never satisfy, those that are dug by hand. And they never slack our thirst.

You remember the ancient mariner with his ship on the ocean, thirsty, and here was a whole sea "water, water, everywhere", and all the boards did shrink, "water, water, everywhere, nor any drop to drink." There is water but it will not satisfy. These wells have been digged by the hands of men. And the soul that says thou has layed up much goods, eat drink and be merry, that soul continues to be thirsty. And Jesus said this well can permanently satisfy. No well in the world can do it. I could give it to you and it will satisfy you now and it will never run dry, today, tomorrow, or the next day.

V. 26 Best Word - When Jesus said, "I AM the" One who Breaks Walls - Heals Wounds - Messiah - Living Water

#### IV. Why This Water Is Significant

First, because it can be applied to the heart, and the source of it from when thou hast this living water. This gift of God, this is wonderful. Throughout the scriptures the plan of salvation is woven in a marvelous way and the

David - 2 Sam 23: 15 Longed for drink from Well at Bethshalem  
Time of war - back to old Home Place,

gift of God and of salvation.

2 - It is certainly significant because it meets the condition of man. It is wonderful when Jesus talked to this sinful woman. He suggested to her not reform but he pointed out her sin. He pointed out regeneration, the need of that sin in life.

3 - It is significant because of the results of it. Partaking of it, you will never thirst, what an astounding declaration. Shall we never be dissatisfied with Jesus, no, never, unless we go back and drink of the old well. In a sense the whole Christian life is a desert experience. But here is water from the smit rock, Jesus Christ. If ever the child of God finds himself thirsty again, it will be because he has been drinking from broken cisterns.

4 It is significant because of its hidden springs. The world knows not of the refreshing fountain. We may study the lives of people but they are like a desert, but here is one that is nourished from a spring. Jesus said this well, (no well) of the world can do what it will do. I can give you and it will satisfy you, it will touch the sin of your life, if you will allow me, I can enrich your life.

Dr. Jowett tells how he visited an old ruined castle in England and found far in the inner part of it a living

spring. What a treasure it was to the men and the people who lived in that castle. His enemies might surround it and shut him off but they could never cut off his water supply. No foes however great were able to overcome him, by starvation, by water, or from water. Because he had a fountain within. There was within the castle a well of

water springing up and he was independent of all outside sources. *Isaiah 41: 18 Where the Poor & Needy were water, at well open rivers on high places, & fountains in the Valley; a Pool in wilderness*

When Jesus told this woman of the wonderful gift, he told her about a strange power that would give her satisfaction and would bring her face to face with her needs. Of course she hated to confess it but she must be willing to be cleansed by it. How tactfully he brought her face to face with her sins. And this woman then changed and partook and found the living water. She forgot her old thirst, she left her empty water pot at the curb, and heart was set a fire.

You have had a chance and have you taken the time and the opportunity to refresh yourself with this water. Remember that this well of water is not to be yours on the basis of merit, it is not to be bought, it is not to be earned.

There is this in every human heart, down in the human heart crushed by the temptor, feelings lie buried that grace can restore, touched by a loving heart, weakened by kindness,

expressions of Jeremiah who said to the people in his day that they had forsaken the fountain of living water.

Chapter 2 Verse 13. Zachariah had stated that God was able to give living water which would bring life to the whole world. 14:8 Prov 12:11 The Mouth of a Righteous Man

*is a well of life!*  
While the expression 'living water' certainly has a

wonderful tremendous truth, Rosele said there is an old eastern legend which says there was a fountain by which an angel once rested and in gratitude the angel infused into it the mysterious power, so that if only some drops of the fountains water was scattered in a desert, another fountain would spring up. This all any traveler had to do was to carry some of the water along with him and plant a new spring wherever water was needed. This old legend is an illustration of the power of the gospel, as witnessed by any saved soul.

Rev. 22:17 The Spirit & Bride say come, - let him that hearth come, and let him that is Athirst come, whosoever, will take the Water of life freely!

Pure River of water of life Clear as Crystal  
Proceeding out of the Throne of God & the Lamb.  
17: 5: 8 The Spirit - The Water of the Word - The Blood  
bears record in heaven

J: 4: 14 Water "leaping up" Bubble life -  
Isa 12: 3 Therefore, with Joy ye shall draw water out of the well

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Season Farm Ripe - Daddy - out ~~Amos~~  
gold - tomorrow - get - fruit wanted -  
souls - Ripe - Samaritan

Reapers -

Because the Word became flesh +  
dwells among us, so will it be  
for you too, so will it be for you.

Deut 11:11, 12

Finger Glen -

Just Family Meal -

Bornish home - Spring of Water  
near dry's eye -

But The LAND, To which ye go to Possess  
it, Is A LAND of Hills and valleys, AND  
drinketh WATER of the RAINS of HEAVEN,  
12 A LAND which the Lord thy God Careth  
for.  
The Eyes of the Lord thy God are ALWAYS  
upon it,  
from the BEGINNING of the year EVEN  
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