

The Offer of Living Water

John 04: 01-14

1. *Jesus left Judaea*

a. He left out of necessity

1) For John's sake

2) For His destiny:
"He had to go"

b. He left to confront
a Samaritan woman

1) He entered Sychar, Samaria

2) He was weary, sat by a well

3) He requested drink from a woman

4) The disciples had gone for food

c. The woman questioned Jesus

1) She was shocked
that Jesus talked with her

2) She questioned Jesus
because of racial prejudice

2. *Living water is truly alive*

a. Is "of God"

b. Is "the gift" of God

c. Is given by asking for it

1 The Pharisees heard
that Jesus was gaining
and baptizing more disciples than John,

2 Although in fact it was not Jesus who baptized,
but his disciples.

3 When the LORD learned of this,
he left Judea
and went back once more to Galilee.

4 Now he had to go through Samaria.

5 So he came to a town in Samaria called Sychar,
near the plot of ground
Jacob had given to his son Joseph.

6 Jacob's well was there,
and Jesus, tired as he was from the journey,
sat down by the well.
It was about the sixth hour.

7 When a Samaritan woman came to draw water,
Jesus said to her,
"Will you give me a drink?"

8 (His disciples had gone into the town to buy food.)

9 The Samaritan woman said to him,
"You are a Jew
and I am a Samaritan woman.
How can you ask me for a drink?"
(For Jews do not associate with Samaritans.)

10 Jesus answered her,
"If you knew the gift of God
and who it is
that asks you for a drink,
you would have asked him
and he would have given you living water."

<p>3. <i>Living water is from a Person much greater than a religious father</i></p> <p>4. <i>Living water is the only water that will quench thirst</i></p>	<p>11 “Sir,” the woman said, “you have nothing to draw with and the well is deep. Where can you get this living water?”</p> <p>12 Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did also his sons and his flocks and herds?”</p> <p>13 Jesus answered, “Every one who drinks this water will be thirsty again,</p> <p>14 But whoever drinks the water I give him will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.”</p>
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The Subject of Sin
John 04: 15–18

<p>1. <i>There was the request for living water</i></p> <p>2. <i>There was the first essential: Facing the truth, the fact of sin</i></p> <p>a. Jesus stirred conviction within the woman</p> <p>b. Jesus accepted no evasion from the woman</p> <p>c. Jesus knew all</p> <p>d. Jesus reproved the woman’s sin</p>	<p>15 The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water so that I won’t get thirsty and have to keep coming here to draw water.”</p> <p>16 He told her, “Go, call your husband and come back.”</p> <p>17 “I have no husband,” she replied. Jesus said to her, “You are right when you say you have no husband.</p> <p>18 The fact is, you have had five husbands, and the man you now have is not your husband. What you have just said is quite true.”</p>
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The Subject of Worship

John 04: 19-24

1. *The woman was troubled*

- a. She sensed that Jesus was a prophet
- b. She sensed her sin
and the need for true worship

2. *Fact 1:*

***The place of worship
is not what is important***

3. *Fact 2:*

***True worship and salvation
are from the Jews
(through the Messiah, Jesus Christ)***

4. *Fact 3:*

***True worship
is worshipping God
in spirit and in truth***

19 “Sir,” the woman said,

“I can see that you are a prophet.

20 Our fathers worshiped on this mountain,

but you Jews claim

that the place where we must worship is in Jerusalem.”

21 Jesus declared,

“Believe me, woman,

a time is coming

when you will worship the Father

neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem

22 You Samaritans worship what you do not know;

we worship what we do know,

for salvation is from the Jews.

23 Yet a time is coming and has now come

when the true worshipers will worship the Father

in spirit and truth,

for they are the kind of worshipers

the Father seeks.

24 God is spirit,

and his worshipers must worship

in spirit and in truth.”

The Subject of Messiah

John 04: 25–30

1. *There was the sense
that Jesus was the Messiah*

25 The woman said,
“I know that Messiah” (called Christ) “is coming.
When he comes,
he will explain everything to us.”

2. *There was the great claim of Jesus:
He is the Messiah*

26 Then Jesus declared,
“I who speak to you am he.”

3. *There was the spirit
contrary to the Messiah:
A spirit of evil thought and pride*

27 Just then his disciples returned
and were surprised
to find him talking with a woman.
But no one asked,
“What do you want?”
or “Why are you talking with her?”

4. *There was the proclamation
that Jesus is the Messiah*

28 Then, leaving her water jar,
the woman went back to the town
and said to the people,

29 “Come, see a man
who told me everything I ever did.
Could this be the Christ?”

5. *There was the response
of searching for the Messiah*

30 They came out of the town
and made their way toward him.

The Subject of Labour for God

John 04: 31–42

1. *Physical vs. spiritual concerns*

a. The disciples’ concern:
Physical nourishment

31 Meanwhile his disciples urged him,
“Rabbi, eat something.”

32 But he said to them,
“I have food to eat that you know nothing about.”

33 Then his disciples said to each other,
“Could someone have brought him food?”

b. Jesus’ concern: Spiritual food
- to do the will and work of God

34 “My food,” said Jesus, “is to do the will of him
who sent me and to finish his work.

c. Jesus’ challenge:
Work and labour for God right now

35 Do you not say,
‘Four months more and then the harvest’?
I tell you,

2. *Labour
- for the harvest is ripe,
the task is urgent*

open your eyes and look at the fields!
They are ripe for harvest.

3. Labour

***- for there are rewards
and great benefits***

- a. Wages
- b. Eternal life
- c. Joy and rejoicing
- d. The privilege of having a specific part in God's great work
- e. The privilege of being sent forth by Christ
- f. The privilege of serving with other great servants of God

4. Labour

- for results follow

- a. Many believed the woman's testimony
- b. Other opportunities were given
- c. Many more believed:
"This man really is the Saviour of the world"

36 Even now the reaper draws his wages,
even now he harvests the crop for eternal life,
so that the sower and the reaper
may be glad together.

37 Thus the saying
'One sows and another reaps' is true.

38 I sent you to reap
what you have not worked for.
Others have done the hard work,
and you have reaped the benefits of their labour."

39 Many of the Samaritans from that town
believed in him
because of the woman's testimony.
"He told me everything I ever did."

40 So when the Samaritans came to him,
they urged him to stay with them,
and he stayed two days.

41 And because of his words
many more became believers.

42 They said to the woman,
"We no longer believe
just because of what you said;
now we have heard for ourselves,
and we know that this man really is
the Saviour of the world."