

# 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."

**3. *Living water is  
from a Person  
much greater than  
a religious father***

**4. *Living water  
is the only water  
that will quench thirst***

11 “Sir,” the woman said,  
“you have nothing to draw with  
and the well is deep.  
Where can you get this living water?”

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?”

13 Jesus answered,  
“Every one who drinks this water  
will be thirsty again,

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.”

# The Subject of Sin

## John 04:15–18

**1. *There was the request  
for living water***

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.”

**2. *There was the first essential:  
Facing the truth,  
the fact of sin***

16 He told her,  
“Go, call your husband and come back.”

a. Jesus stirred conviction  
within the woman

17 “I have no husband,”  
she replied.

b. Jesus accepted no evasion  
from the woman

Jesus said to her,  
“You are right when you say  
you have no husband.

c. Jesus knew all

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.”

d. Jesus reproved  
the woman’s sin

# 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.