

## **“Jesus Who Spoke to One Woman and to the Community”**

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### **John 4:5-26 (NLT)**

<sup>5</sup> Eventually he came to the Samaritan village of Sychar, near the field that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. <sup>6</sup> Jacob’s well was there; and Jesus, tired from the long walk, sat wearily beside the well about noontime. <sup>7</sup> Soon a Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, “Please give me a drink.” <sup>8</sup> He was alone at the time because his disciples had gone into the village to buy some food.

<sup>9</sup> The woman was surprised, for Jews refuse to have anything to do with Samaritans. She said to Jesus, “You are a Jew, and I am a Samaritan woman. Why are you asking me for a drink?” <sup>10</sup> Jesus replied, “If you only knew the gift God has for you and who you are speaking to, you would ask me, and I would give you living water.” <sup>11</sup> “But sir, you don’t have a rope or a bucket,” she said, “and this well is very deep. Where would you get this living water?” <sup>12</sup> And besides, do you think you’re greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us this well? How can you offer better water than he and his sons and his animals enjoyed?”

<sup>13</sup> Jesus replied, “Anyone who drinks this water will soon become thirsty again. <sup>14</sup> But those who drink the water I give will never be thirsty again. It becomes a fresh, bubbling spring within them, giving them eternal life.” <sup>15</sup> “Please, sir,” the woman said, “give me this water! Then I’ll never be thirsty again, and I won’t have to come here to get water.” <sup>16</sup> “Go and get your husband,” Jesus told her. <sup>17</sup> “I don’t have a husband,” the woman replied. Jesus said, “You’re right! You don’t have a husband— <sup>18</sup> for you have had five husbands, and you aren’t even married to the man you’re living with now. You certainly spoke the truth!”

<sup>19</sup> “Sir,” the woman said, “you must be a prophet. <sup>20</sup> So tell me, why is it that you Jews insist that Jerusalem is the only place of worship, while we Samaritans claim it is here at Mount Gerizim, where our ancestors worshiped?” <sup>21</sup> Jesus replied, “Believe me, dear woman, the time is coming when it will no longer matter whether you worship the Father on this mountain or in Jerusalem. <sup>22</sup> You Samaritans know very little about the one you worship, while we Jews know all about him, for salvation comes through the Jews. <sup>23</sup> But the time is coming—indeed it’s here now—when true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth. The Father is looking for those who will worship him that way. <sup>24</sup> For God is Spirit, so those who worship him must worship in spirit and in truth.”

<sup>25</sup> The woman said, “I know the Messiah is coming—the one who is called Christ. When he comes, he will explain everything to us.” <sup>26</sup> Then Jesus told her, “I AM the Messiah!”

### **1. Jesus Spoke to a Woman Who Came to the Well to Avoid Being Seen**

#### ➤ Conversation about “Water”

✧ The “water” Jesus is referring to is “eternal life through God the Holy Spirit, which enriches the heart.”

#### ➤ Conversation about Jesus’ Identity, based on the topic of “Husband”

✧ What resonated the most with the woman?

### **2. Jesus Spoke to the Samaritans as Well**

#### **John 4:28-30, 39-42**

<sup>28</sup> The woman left her water jar beside the well and ran back to the village, telling everyone, <sup>29</sup> “Come and see a man who told me everything I ever did! Could he possibly be the Messiah?” <sup>30</sup> So the people came streaming from the village to see him.

<sup>39</sup> Many Samaritans from the village believed in Jesus because the woman had said, “He told me everything I ever did!” <sup>40</sup> When they came out to see him, they begged him to stay in their village. So he stayed for two days, <sup>41</sup> long enough for many more to hear his message and believe. <sup>42</sup> Then they said to the woman, “Now we believe, not just because of what you

told us, but because we have heard him ourselves. Now we know that he is indeed the Savior of the world.”

- The woman could not stay quiet
  - ✧ V. 29 uses the interrogative form in the original Greek that emphasizes her certainty
  - ✧ The response of the woman’s community was very positive
  
- Jesus stayed for two days, and even more people believed (vv. 40-41)
  - ✧ Aren’t the words of the people in v. 42 a response to the woman’s questioning inquiry in v. 29?
  - ✧ Jesus the Savior is connecting communities that were estranged