

WOMAN AT THE WELL – Finding Hope

INTRODUCTION

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 noon. 7 When a Samaritan woman came to draw water John 4:4-7a NIV

This lady had so many “s _____ against her”

HAVE A C _____

7 When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, “Will you give me a drink?” John 4:4-7 NIV

You may have heard, or you may even have said, *I would never s _____ to that person.*

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.) John 4:9 NIV

- What is the best-selling gospel song of all time? _____

BECOME CONVINCED YOU HAVE A N _____

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.” John 4:10 NIV

What do you really need in your life?

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 livestock?”

13 Jesus answered, “Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, 14 but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life.” John 4:11-14 NIV

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.” John 4:15 NIV

16 He told her, “Go, call your husband and come back.” 17 “I have no husband,” she replied. Jesus said to her, “You are right when you say you have no husband. 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.” John 4:16-18 NIV

RESIST C _____ THE SUBJECT

19 "Sir," the woman said, "I can see that you are a prophet. 20 Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you Jews claim that the place where we must worship is in Jerusalem." John 4:19-20 NIV

What d _____ do you use to keep from facing the truth?

"Woman," Jesus replied, "believe me, a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. John 4:21 NIV

Do you recognize Jesus as an a _____ : Believe me...

C _____ JESUS AS SAVIOR

25 The woman said, "I know that Messiah" (called Christ) "is coming. When he comes, he will explain everything to us." 26 Then Jesus declared, "I, the one speaking to you—I am he."

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 Messiah?" 30 They came out of the town and made their way toward him. John 4:25-26, 28-30 NIV

In other religions, the central thing is actions.

In Christianity, the central thing is a person.

Notice the progression of understanding and commitment.

vs.9 "a J _____" vs.19 "a p _____" vs.29 "M _____" vs.42 "Savior"

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 Savior of the world." John 4:42 NIV

There was so much different about her at the e _____ of the day than at the b _____ of the day.

- The heart is forever r _____ until it rests in Thee, O God. -Augustine

CONCLUSION: Jesus is the one who took our thirst...our eternal thirst.

In the Bible, heaven is pictured as a grand b _____.

In the Bible, hell is pictured as a place of great t _____.

- O _____ Your Thirst!

Like the woman at the well I was seeking for things that would not satisfy.

And then I heard my Savior speaking, "Draw from My well that never shall run dry"

Fill my cup, Lord, I lift it up, Lord Come and quench this thirsting of my soul

Bread of Heaven, feed me 'til I want no more

Fill my cup, fill it up and make me whole. Richard E. Blanchard (1925 – 2004)