

# John 4:1-42

## Woman At the Well / In Spirit and In Truth

Welcome back and here we go! John 4 and the woman at the well ---

### **John 4:1-42**

History first:

Who are the Samaritans?

- Jeroboam - calves
- Assyria conquered and resettled - *II Kings 17:6, 24, 26, 29*
- *Ezra 9:1, 10* - Decree against Samaritans
- Accepted Pentateuch / Torah, believed Messiah would return to Samaria not Jerusalem.

So we have Jesus witnessing to these outcasts and they receive Him, where the religious Jews would not!

- Jacob's well is still there today!
- 1) What are your impressions about this story?

For me, there are several elements that catch my attention. I think the first thing we learn is that Jesus cares about the outcasts. The Samaritan woman was considered inferior because of her sex, ethnicity and past.

- 2) Have you ever been made to feel less than, or like you don't belong? How?

Others feel that way. Many do. Because of their issues many people feel like outcasts. It is our job to bridge that gap to give them the message of salvation, to show them acceptance and love..... but how?

### **John 3:22-26**

- 3) What does it mean He must *increase and we must decrease*?

I love how it says "God does not give the Spirit by measure"! vs 34

### **John 4:7-14**

4) What is living water and do you have any?

We know that the living water gives us eternal life and bubbles up out of us --- Words of life and we share it --- the Holy Spirit.

When we don't have God, we will always thirst for the truth and will always feel like an outcast. If you feel that way today, maybe it's because you need the world's approval more than God's. Think on that. We cannot offer the world life if we hate people. The living water is now in you -- - the Holy Spirit.

***John 4:15-26***

5) How do you worship in Spirit and in Truth?

The woman's life of brokenness became a witness that saved many.

Later in *Acts 8:4-8*, the Samaritans were ripe for even a bigger harvest.

1 sinful woman

1 Savior

Huge return

***John 4:27-38***

What stands out about her? Her willingness to share Jesus for one thing.

"...you have entered into their labors." vs 38

Next week *John 4:4 - 5:18* "Spiritual Healing"