John 4:1-26 (NKJV)



Gospel of John 1-12 Come To The Water

"If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink. He that believeth on me...out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water." John 7:38

1. <u>Our Need</u> vv. 1-8 "I need thee every hour..."

(a) He needed to go: Little did the woman from Samaria know that Jesus needed to meet her. Little do we know that Jesus needs to meet with each of us today!

(b) Going to the well: This is a beautiful picture of our need and effort to draw from a 'well' that will satisfy our need.

2. <u>Our Provision</u> vv. 9-10 "Come unto Me all ye..."

(a) Breaking barriers: Is it any different today? One people group or culture is not really concerned (or even antagonistic) toward other cultures or peoples.

(b) A different provision: How wonderful that God provides in ways beyond our understanding. Not just water—but living water. (*See John 5:1-10*)

3. Our Thirst vv. 11-15 "Come to the water..."

(a) What could be greater? We've been drinking from the wrong wells for all the wrong reasons.

(b) That I may not thirst: We are driven by scarcity and a need to continually replenish. Yet there is a well to drink from where we will never thirst again! *(See John 7:37-39)*

4. <u>Our Sin</u> vv. 16-19 "He became sin for me..."

(a) Getting to the bottom of the well: You might say that this woman was figuratively at the 'bottom of her well.' Shortly Jesus would take care of the sin problem by presenting Himself as a 'ransom' for her. *Mark 10:45*

5. <u>Our Worship</u> vv. 20-24 "Oh the sanctuary of God"

(a) The Father is seeking: How amazing that God is actually seeking those who know how to worship Him. Will you answer the call to worship?

(b) True worship: Since the nature of God is divine, invisible and Spirit—the only way to worship God is if He chooses to reveal Himself to us. He revealed Himself in the incarnation and told us, "I am the way, <u>the truth</u> and the life..." (*John 14:6*) We worship Him in our 'spirit' according to His revelation truth that He is our life and light.

6. <u>Our Messiah</u> vv. 25-26

(a) Has He come? Except for Messianic Judaism, most Jews says He has not come—they continue to look. Here Jesus—the Word—the Son of God and Son of man declares clearly—I Am He.

Are you ready to come to the water of life? Are you ready to come to the waters of Spirit Baptism? Jesus is ready if you are!

-1 Therefore, when the Lord knew that the Pharisees had heard that Jesus made and baptized more disciples than John 2 (though Jesus Himself did not baptize, but His disciples), 3 He left Judea and departed again to Galilee. 4 But He needed to go through Samaria. 5 So He came to a city of Samaria which is called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. **6** Now Jacob's well was there. Jesus therefore, being wearied from His journey, sat thus by the well. It was about the sixth hour. 7 A woman of Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give Me a drink." 8 For His disciples had gone away into the city to buy food. -9 Then the woman of Samaria said to Him, "How is it that You, being a Jew, ask a drink from me, a Samaritan woman?" For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans. 10 Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is who says to you, 'Give Me a drink,' you would have asked Him, and He would have given you living water." -11 The woman said to Him, "Sir, You have nothing to draw with, and the well is deep. Where then do You get that living water? 12 Are You greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well, and drank from it himself, as well as his sons and his livestock?" **13** Jesus answered and said to her, "Whoever drinks of this water will thirst again, 14 but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst. But the water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life. 15 The woman said to Him, "Sir, give me this water, that I may not thirst, nor come here to draw." -16 Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here." 17 The woman answered and said, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You have well said, 'I have no husband,' 18 for you have had five husbands, and the one whom you now have is not your husband; in that you spoke truly." 19 The woman said to Him, "Sir, I perceive that You are a prophet.

-20 Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, and you Jews say that in Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship."21 Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe Me, the hour is coming when you will neither on this mountain, nor in Jerusalem, worship the Father. 22 You worship what you do not know; we know what we worship, for salvation is of the Jews. 23 <u>But the hour is coming</u>, <u>and now is</u>, when the <u>true</u> worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the <u>Father is seeking such to worship Him</u>. 24 God is Spirit, <u>and those who worship Him must worship in</u> spirit and truth."

-25 The woman said to Him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When He comes, He will tell us all things." 26 Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am He."

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