

*“The woman saith unto him, I know that Messiah cometh, which is called Christ: when he is come, he will tell us all things. (26)
Jesus saith unto her, I that speak unto thee **AM HE.**”
(John 4:25-26)*

Amazing! This is probably the **MOST DEFINITIVE** declaration by Jesus of the fact that He is the **Messiah!** Think about it... the woman said, “I know Messiah is coming” and Jesus said, **“I am He!”**

What amazing love! Jesus so clearly and completely revealed Himself to this social outcast... non-Jew... woman! Culturally, this **was all wrong!** The woman knew it... the disciples knew it... the people from the city knew it... everyone knew it...

But Jesus still DID IT!

*“The woman then left her waterpot, and went her way into the city, and saith to the men, (29) Come, see a man, which told me all things that ever I did: is not this the Christ?”
(John 4:28-29)*

Astounding! The woman’s PURPOSE in life completely changed!

Her purpose at the well was to obtain necessary water for the day... **she LEFT her waterpot!** Now she had a **NEW purpose** to go into the city and **EVANGELIZE!**

Think about it... she was so touched by the **Messiah** that she went into a city where she was known and likely looked down upon... and **TOLD them all about Jesus, the Christ!**

Ponder this thought: the woman had **FIVE (5)** husbands, and the man she was living with now was not her husband. This is minimally **SIX (6)** men! What do you think might have been going through the minds of the **men in the city** when she said that Jesus told her **“all things that ever I did”**... possibly, some of these men may have been ex-husbands or former lovers! Maybe they were nervous about what Jesus had known about her!

“Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest.” (John 4:35)

After the woman went into the city to evangelize, Jesus taught the disciples about evangelism. He taught that **NOW** is the time for the harvest. He taught that the harvest is **NOW** ripe and ready.

When Jesus said, “...Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields...” what were the disciples looking at?

“Then they went out of the city, and came unto him.” (John 4:30)

“And many of the Samaritans of that city believed on him for the saying of the woman, which testified, He told me all that ever I did.” (John 4:39)

The disciples were seeing the Samaritans from the city coming to the **Savior!**

Jesus showed the disciples that even those who were despised by most Jews were coming to **salvation in Jesus!**

Conclusion: Jesus wants to reveal Himself to us, when He does... be like the Samaritan woman!

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Title Translation
**The Samaritan Woman meets the
Savior of the World at the Sychar Well
and receives Saving Water**

(Disclaimer: this title is not original. I heard the title from an evangelist in England in 1986.)

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“And he must needs go through Samaria.” (John 4:4)

A famous interaction in the life of Jesus is between a Samaritan woman and Himself. Many powerful things take place during this event, including the proclamation of a non-Jew that **Jesus is the Messiah.**

John tells us in verse 4 (see above) that Jesus **NEEDED** to go through Samaria. Why did Jesus “need” to go through Samaria? Jews and Samaritans generally speaking hated each other. Often Jews would go around Samaria to avoid the region, even though that dramatically increased their journey.

Jesus “needed” to go to Samaria because He knew that He had an appointment there!

“Now Jacob's well was there. Jesus therefore, being wearied with his journey, sat thus on the well: and it was about the sixth hour.” (John 4:6)

This account in John’s Gospel is full of interesting bits of information. Verse 6 (above) contains one of these.

Why is it important to know that Jesus was at the well around the sixth hour? In the Jewish measurement of

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time, this would have been about noon... during the heat of the day.

Most women would have drawn water early in the morning, later in the day, or both, during the cool of the day.

Why did this woman come at noon? It is possible that she came in the heat of the day because she was a social outcast. Her lifestyle was not acceptable during this time period. She may have come at noon in order to avoid encountering others who were drawing water.

“There cometh a woman of Samaria to draw water: Jesus saith unto her, Give me to drink.” (John 4:7)

At noon, in the heat of the day, tired and thirsty from his journey, Jesus rested by Jacob’s well. Along came a Samaritan woman. Jesus surprised her by asking her for a drink of water.

“Then saith the woman of Samaria unto him, How is it that thou, being a Jew, askest drink of me, which am a woman of Samaria? for the Jews have no dealings with the Samaritans.” (John 4:9)

Observations:

* This woman was **SHOCKED!** First, why would a **Jew** talk to her. Second, why would a **man** talk to her.

* The Samaritan woman brought up the gender and race issues...

* Jesus **did not** bring up these issues. To Him, race or gender have **NO BEARING ON SALVATION!**

Jesus is the **Savior of the whole world**. **ANYONE** who calls upon the Name of Jesus will be saved.

Many today reject Jesus based on these types of superficial, surface, and cultural issues.

“Jesus answered and said unto her, If thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of him, and he would have given thee living water.” (John 4:10)

Jesus began His revelation of Who He is. He tells her that if she knew Who He was, she would have asked Him for a drink. This is truly amazing, as it is the onset of one of the most powerful statements from Jesus to anyone that He is the Christ.

After mentioning the “water” that He would give her, the woman continued understanding this from a natural perspective. She said, “Where are you going to get this water from? The well is deep. You have no bucket.” (see John 4:11)

She then became a bit defensive asking if Jesus was greater than Jacob; stating that Jacob and his family all drank from this well. (see John 4:12)

“Jesus answered and said unto her, Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again: (14) But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life.” (John 4:13-14)

At this point, Jesus further revealed Himself. He spoke of an internal well of water that leads to everlasting life! Jesus preached about the TRUTH of salvation...

“I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but CHRIST LIVETH IN ME...” (Galatians 2:20)

Jesus the Messiah, living in and through us is the Spiritual Water that springs up unto eternal life!

“The woman saith unto him, Sir, give me this water, that I thirst not, neither come hither to draw.” (John 4:15)

Still not spiritually comprehending Jesus, she asked for this water. Perhaps she was thinking of the reduced workload (fetching water) or the minimized scrutiny and mocking as a

social outcast. Whatever the case, she was thinking in terms of natural water.

“Jesus saith unto her, Go, call thy husband, and come hither. (17) The woman answered and said, I have no husband. Jesus said unto her, Thou hast well said, I have no husband.” (John 4:16-17)

Jesus revealed Himself to her a little more fully. At the end of this interchange the woman concluded that Jesus was a prophet.

But after declaring that Jesus was a prophet, the woman still attempted to distance herself from Him. She asked where the appropriate place to worship was; there on Jacob’s mountain or the Temple in Jerusalem?

“But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. (24) God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.” (John 4:23-24)

Jesus revealed even more about Himself and the very nature of God. Jesus told the woman that true worship of the Father was in Spirit and in Truth.

God the Father - He is the One being worshipped.

God the Holy Spirit - The Holy Spirit worships the Father through our spirit. We cannot do anything of ourselves to glorify God; only via the Holy Spirit living in us can we really honor and worship God.

God the Son - God honoring worship is in **TRUTH!** The Bible tells us (John 14:6) that Jesus is the TRUTH, and that the **Word of God**, the Bible, is the TRUTH (John 17:17).

Thus Jesus illuminates Himself to the Samaritan woman, while at the same time providing a glimpse of the true nature of the **Triune God**.
