



# The Woman at the Well

John 4:1-26

4:1-3 – What caused the Pharisees to take an interest in Jesus?

Did the limitations Jesus take on in becoming human undermine His claims to be Son of God?

Why did Jesus leave Judea?

What is the significance of the time of day that is given?

Why was there risk of conflict with John's disciples?

4:7 – Given that women generally came in groups to draw water either earlier or later in the day to avoid the sun's heat... Why did the Samaritan woman come alone at the hottest part of the day?

Why was there risk of conflict with the Pharisees?

Jesus did not shy away from conflicts with the Pharisees, so why did He avoid them at this time?

Why did Jesus ask the woman for a drink?

Why did Jesus go to Galilee?

Where were the disciples when Jesus encountered the woman at the well?

4:4 – Why did Jesus need to go through Samaria?

Since the disciples were not present, how was the Apostle John able to report on this encounter between Jesus and the Samaritan woman?

What mission did Jesus have in Samaria?

Why were the Jews prejudiced against the Samaritans?

How does hearing about the experiences of others seeing God working in their lives impact our spiritual growth?

4:5 – What was the significance of the well at Sychar?

4:9 – Why was the woman surprised that Jesus asked her for water?

4:6 – What kind of condition was Jesus in when He reached the well at Sychar?

Why did Jesus break the social protocol to speak with the woman?

What does this tell us about Jesus?

What lesson should we learn from the encounter between Jesus and the Samaritan woman?

4:10 – What was the living water that Jesus offered the Samaritan woman?

What was Jesus claiming when He said He could give the woman living water?

Is Jesus saying here that all who ask God for eternal life will receive it?

4:11 – What did the woman think Jesus was talking about when he referred to giving her living water?

4:12 – Why did the woman ask if Jesus was greater than Jacob?

4:13 – What distinction did Jesus make between living water and well water?

What kind of things do people attempt to substitute for living water to satisfy what they are thirsting for?

4:14 – What did Jesus say here that gives us eternal security?

Why is the idea that you can lose your salvation really salvation by works?

What image does a spring of water gushing up portray?

Note that many people who claim to be Christians admit they feel unhappy and dissatisfied over the same problems that unbelievers mention. Are the differences between Christians and non-Christians merely superficial?

So what is the difference in the mortal lives of believers versus that of unbelievers?

4:15 – Was the woman brought into the concept of living water?

What was the problem with the woman's thinking?

How does the woman's misunderstanding show how people misunderstand the gospel?

4:16 – Why did Jesus tell her to call her husband?

4:17 – Was the woman truthful about having no husband?

4:18 – What was skillful in the way Jesus confronted the woman's sinful life?

Did Jesus recognize common-law marriages?

How do we err when we draw conclusions about other people's lives ourselves?

Note that Jesus used an accepting confrontation that was intended to invoke a positive response... how may we apply this ourselves?

4:19 – Why did the woman think Jesus was a prophet?

How did Jesus define true worship?

4:20 – Why did the woman change the subject here?

What does it mean to worship in spirit?

What mountain was the woman referring to?

What does it mean to worship in truth?

What was the unspoken question that the woman asked regarding worship?

What are some examples of not worshipping in truth?

4:21 – What assumption did both the Jews and the Samaritans make about worship?

4:24 – What does this tell us about the nature of God?

What was Jesus referring to by saying that she would not worship on either mountain?

What are some examples of true spiritual worship?

4:25 – How the conversation the woman had with Jesus have reminded her about the coming of the Messiah?

What is the application in this for us?

4:26 – Who did Jesus tell the woman He was?

4:22 – What was the problem with the worship of the Samaritans?

Why did the Jews know who they worshiped?

How is it that salvation is from the Jews... is Jesus saying that only Jews may be saved?

4:23 – How is the hour both coming and is now here?

How did Jesus define true worshipers?