

A PRAYER

And Jesus wants to be our Savior, no matter what we have or haven't done.

You may want to write a prayer and tell Jesus that you want him to be your Messiah and the Savior of your world.

JESUS & THE WOMAN AT THE WELL

John 4: 1–42



QUESTIONS

1. Most Jews would not talk to a Samaritan. Most Jews were very racially prejudiced. So, in verses 7-9, the Samaritan woman was surprised when Jesus, being a Jew, spoke to her and asked her for a drink of water. He talked like he wanted to be her friend. Why do you think Jesus was not prejudice like most Jews?

2. In verse 10 Jesus said,... *if you only knew... “two things,”...you would ask me and I would give you living water.* What are the two things that she needed to know?

1. _____
2. _____

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3. In verse 10, what do you think is “*the gift God has for you* ?

And who do you think “*Jesus is*”? (a Jew, a religious teacher, or more.)

4. In verses 13 & 14, what is the difference between the water in the well that the lady was coming to get day after day and the water that Jesus gives away, the “living water”? Name two or three differences.

The Well Water

Become thirsty again

The Living Water

Walk to the well and get it each day with a bucket

Gives temporary life

5. In verse 15, why did the woman tell Jesus that she wanted some of his “living water”?

The Bible teaches us that we actually receive this “*living water*” when we believe and put our hope and trust in Jesus as our personal savior and we have a per-

I often wonder why Jesus brought up the subject with the woman at the well about her having lived with six different men. Why do you think he brought up this probably embarrassing part of her life?

He may have brought it up to remind her that she was a sinful person and needed a Messiah or Savior to die for her sins so she could have this living water, this eternal life and this meaningful and abundant life as one of God’s children.

Also, if Jesus had not talked to her about this part of her life, she could have easily thought: *sure, he (Jesus) is the Messiah and the Savior of the world, but if he only knew about my life, that I am on man number six and not even married to him, he would not be my Savior.*

I think Jesus is telling her: *lady, I know all about your life, I know about all the dark deep secrets of your life and I still want to be your Messiah and the Savior of your world.*

12. In verse 42, the townspeople say that now that they have heard Jesus for themselves, they believe that he is the ... _____.

13. In verse 9, when the woman first met Jesus she called him **a Jew**. But Jesus told her, that if she really knew who he was that she would be asking him for living water. Now go back and look at the following verses and see how this woman's knowledge of who Jesus is grows. Write down next to each verse what she called Jesus in that verse.

Verse 9: **a Jew** _____

Verse 11: _____

Verse 19: _____

Verse 29: _____

Verse 42: _____

APPLICATION

In this story, this woman grew in her relationship with Jesus. At first he was only a "Jew" to her. But after spending some time with Jesus she grew in her understanding of who he was and he became her Messiah and the Savior of her world.

Where do you think you are in your relationship with Jesus. Is he just a Jew who lived about 2,000 years ago, or is he more? Who do you think Jesus is?

sonal relationship or friendship with Jesus as God's Spirit comes and lives within us. (John 7: 37-39) Do you think that her reason for wanting "*living water that springs up to eternal life*" was the right reason?

Why? _____

6. What did Jesus tell this woman about her lifestyle? What did he tell her about how many men she had already had in her life and about the man that she was now living with?

In this story, you can see that this woman kept coming to this well, probably every day, to get water. But that water never really satisfied her, because she had to keep coming back. She had also tried six different men and that did not meet the true needs of her life. We often think, a bigger car, more money, women, men, drugs, beer, and many other things will satisfy us, but they never do. God created us to only be satisfied with a friendship and relationship with God himself. Jesus came to give us this living water that springs up to eternal life.

What do you think it would take to make you have joy, peace and contentment?

7. The woman was surprised that Jesus knew so much about her even though he had never met her before. She thought he must be a prophet, so she asked him a question about where people should worship God. She asked Jesus if the right place to worship God was at the temple in Jerusalem or on Mount Gerizim.

How did Jesus say we should worship God in verses 23 & 24? _____

Is worshiping God all about the place that we worship, like a church, or is it about something that we do with our body, like bow down on our knees, or is it mainly about our heart's attitude? How do we worship God with our spirit? (Think of emotions, feelings, our will, thankfulness, obedience.)

How do we worship God in truth? (Think of the truth of who He is and who we are. God is almighty and holy and we as sinful men and women are coming into His presence. Think of the truth of God's words as found in the Bible. Are we reading and thinking about His truth as found in the Bible and are we doing what God says we should do?)

8. In verse 25, the woman is amazed at how Jesus is explaining spiritual truths to her about herself and about God. She knows that when the Messiah comes, he also will explain spiritual truths.

In verse 26, who does Jesus tell the woman that he is?

9. In verses 28 & 29 the woman goes back to the village. What does she tell the people in the village about Jesus? And what does she ask them?

10. In verses 31-34, what were the disciples concerned about?

What was Jesus concerned about? (vs 34) _____

What should we be concerned about?

11. In verses 35-38, what type of work is Jesus telling his disciples that they should be about?

In verses 30 & 36, what do we harvest?

In verse 38 and in Matthew 28:18-20, who is sending us into God's harvest?
