

John 4: 1-26

John 4:1 The Pharisees heard that Jesus was gaining and baptizing more disciples than John, 4:2 although in fact it was not Jesus who baptized, but his disciples. 4:3 When the Lord learned of this, he left Judea and went back once more to Galilee. 4:4 Now he had to go through Samaria. 4:5 So he came to a town in Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of ground Jacob had given to his son Joseph. 4:6 Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired as he was from the journey, sat down by the well. It was about the sixth hour. 4:7 When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, "Will you give me a drink?" 4:8 (His disciples had gone into the town to buy food.) 4:9 The Samaritan woman said to him, "You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink?" (**For Jews do not associate with Samaritans.** 4:10 Jesus answered her, "**If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water.**" 4:11 "Sir," the woman said, "you have nothing to draw with and the well is deep. Where can you get this living water? 4:12 Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did also his sons and his flocks and herds?" 4:13 Jesus answered, "**Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, 4:14 but whoever drinks the water I give him will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.**" 4:15 The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water so that I won't get thirsty and have to keep coming here to draw water." 4:16 He told her, "Go, call your husband and come back." 4:17 "I have no husband," she replied. Jesus said to her, "You are right when you say you have no husband. 4:18 The fact is, you have had five husbands, and the man you now have is not your husband. What you have just said is quite true." 4:19 "Sir," the woman said, "I can see that you are a prophet. 4:20 Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but you Jews claim that the place where we must worship is in Jerusalem." 4:21 Jesus declared, "Believe me, woman, a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. 4:22 You Samaritans worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know, for salvation is from the Jews. 4:23 **Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. 4:24 God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in spirit and in truth.**" 4:25 The woman said, "I know that Messiah" (called Christ) "is coming. When he comes, he will explain everything to us." 4:26 Then Jesus declared, "**I who speak to you am he.**"

1. What does the end of verse 9 teach us about God?
2. In verse 10, what "gift" is Jesus talking about?
3. According to verse 10, how does a person get this living water?
4. In verse 10, how is Jesus' teaching different than the teachings of all other religions?
5. In verse 10, what is "living water"?

Jesus was using a word picture that was clearly understood from the Old Testament.

Isa 12:2 Surely God is my salvation; I will trust and not be afraid. The LORD, the LORD, is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation." Isa 12:3 With joy you will **draw water from the wells of salvation.**

Isa 44:2 This is what the LORD says-- he who made you, who formed you in the womb, and who will help you: Do not be afraid,
Isa 44:3 For I will **pour water on the thirsty land**, and streams on the dry ground; I will **pour out my Spirit on your offspring**, and my blessing on your descendants.

Isa 55:1 "Come, **all you who are thirsty, come to the waters**; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without cost. Isa 55:2 Why spend money on what is not bread, and **your labor on what does not satisfy**? Listen, listen to me, and eat what is good, and **your soul will delight** in the richest of fare. Isa 55:3 Give ear and **come to me; hear me, that your soul may live.** I will make an everlasting covenant with you, my faithful love promised to David.

6. In verse 12 the woman asked Jesus a question and he responded in verse 13. What does Jesus response say about who He is?
7. From verse 13, what things do we learn about eternal life from Jesus' use of the analogy of "living water"?
8. From verse 14, what are the primary things that people thirst for in life?
9. From verse 14, how does a person drink the water Jesus gives?
10. According to verse 15, did the woman understand what Jesus was talking about?
11. In verse 16, why does Jesus switch the topic to her personal life?
12. From what we know about this person Jesus was talking to (verse 9, 18), why would have the religious leaders (*of that day*) been so critical of Jesus actions? What does this teach us about Jesus?
13. In verse 23, what do we learn about worshipping God?
14. What must happen to a person's spirit in order to worship God? (*see 3:36*)
15. According to verse 24, can a person worship God with their spirit and believe anything they want?
16. What claim does Jesus make in verse 26?