

Sermon March 12<sup>th</sup> 2023

John 4: 5-26

Jesus and the Women at the Well

John 4: 5

***“So he came to a town in Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of ground Jacob had given to his son Joseph.”***

Jesus was in familiar territory he knew the land the well that was there and was going to use it to teach a new lesson to a woman he truly wanted to save, just as he teaches us who he also wants to save!

Jacob had purchased this land in Samaria and had handed this land down to Joseph then called the Samaritan region Shechem where the well was located also known as Sychar.

Genesis 32: 19

***“For a hundred pieces of silver,<sup>[a]</sup> he bought from the sons of Hamor, the father of Shechem, the plot of ground where he pitched his tent.”***

Why is this important, Jesus is teaching using the elements of water that we all need as did Jacob used to sustain his life and the life of his family.

John 4: 6

***“Jacob’s well was there, and Jesus, tired as he was from the journey, sat down by the well. It was about noon”***

So Jesus is taking a break in the heat of the noon day sun, tired and sat down near the well, at that same a Samaritan women came to draw water at noon. Most Samaritan women would normally come to draw water late in the afternoon when it was cooler. Was she avoiding the gossip if she came with them? So she comes to draw her water and only Jesus is there as she approaches.

Jesus was alone his disciples had left him to go into the marketplace to buy food. Jesus asks her for a drink of water from her a Samaritan for it was the Jewish belief that any Samaritan was unclean and were looked down as second class to the Jews.

John 4: 7-9

***“When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, “Will you give me a drink?”<sup>8</sup> (His disciples had gone into the town to buy food.)***

***<sup>9</sup> 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.<sup>[a]</sup>)”***

Jesus is extended his blessing of a GIFT of his living water giving it freely to all not just a select group but all mankind regardless of who they are, what culture, background, never looked at the outward appearance of any one but what was in the heart of a person that he may pierced that heart with his Love!

John 4: 10-12

***“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.”***

***<sup>11</sup> “Sir,” the woman said, “you have nothing to draw with and the well is deep. Where can you get this living water? <sup>12</sup> Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did also his sons and his livestock?”***

The women knew this as a deep well the deepest in all the area, questions Jesus and started the discussion with Jesus even though she questions him are you greater, not yet knowing who she is talking to. Jesus never rebukes her but continues to ask her questions that bring in great curiosity.

Just as Jesus invites us to ask are you greater than my own problems and trials. Are you greater than my biggest fears and worry? Jesus invites us to the same well the deep well of his word daily.

His words are deeper than any well and will quench our thirst for peace and by his word that always solves our deepest desires and we never need to look anywhere else in this world for eternal life. The eternal spring of water that bubbles up through the Holy Spirit into our dry desert of daily life.

John 4: 13-15

***13*** Jesus answered, ***“Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, <sup>14</sup> but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life.”***

***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.”***

Jesus goes on to ask her a question that when straight to the conviction of this women.

John 4:16

***“ Go, call your husband and come here”***

Just as Jesus tells us to go and come here to his house you and your family. To come into his house of worship and fellow ship with me. But we say we have other places to go and other ways then your ways.

Jesus exposes her sin as she tries to receive his living water only for her self. Jesus asks to bring your husband to share together as Husband and wife.

She did not confess but openly tries to conceal her five past marriages.

John 4: 17-18

***“I have no husband,” she replied. Jesus said to her, “You are right when you say you have no husband. <sup>18</sup> 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.”***

The truth comes out and had to stun her, instead of running away she continues to engage Jesus. Jesus is convicting with the pure truth of her sins. But what we have to understand is Jesus is not putting her out of his sight but engages her see there is a different way his way.

John 4: 19-24

***“Sir,” the woman said, “I can see that you are a prophet. <sup>20</sup> Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you Jews claim that the place where we must worship is in Jerusalem.”***

***<sup>21</sup> “Woman,” Jesus replied, “believe me, a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. <sup>22</sup> You Samaritans worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know, for salvation is from the Jews. <sup>23</sup> Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. <sup>24</sup> God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth.”***

The message this morning should bring us both joy and comfort as to the overall response regardless of our past sins and no matter what we believe that Jesus would never save me he response to this adulteress women of five different men and now on number 6,

His reply brings her into the family of God in his own words “ Believe me a time is coming when you yes you will worship the Father not in a religious mountain or city but in but truth and through the truth in the spirit. He was going to the cross for her and even as encounter was one of many with everyday people of both Jews and Gentiles he was going to preach and teach the truth to save us. As we move thought this Lenten season we need to see his truth for our truth.

