



Living Water and Worship **8th in the “Life in his Name” Series**

John 4:1-42, p. 888

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Introduction

In this passage we learn how Jesus gives living water to the thirsty and living worship to God’s children.

The Text: John 4:1-42

- 1) Scripture takes great care to show how Jesus continues and fulfills the biblical story (vv. 4-6a).

- 2) Jesus’s mission involved entering into our broken world and ministering as God in “the flesh” (v. 6b).

- 3) The human (sinful) heart thinks we can offer something to God, but the truth is that God alone must serve us (vv. 7-15).

- 4) Scripture guides us to see how God touches every part of our lives and is the source of true security and joy (vv. 16-18).

- 5) All people were created to worship their Creator, but true worship can only happen through the mediating work of Jesus Christ (vv. 19-26).

- 6) Worship does not stay private but becomes a public declaration of the truth and beauty of Jesus (vv. 27-30).

- 7) The human (sinful) heart can cause Christians to think God’s work ends with them and not in the lives of others and the rest of the world (vv. 31-42).

Response

“This is indeed the Savior of the world” (v. 42).

Sunday Text Questions for John 4:1-42

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- 1) Starter Question: Have you ever been extremely thirsty and without water? Explain that experience.
- 2) Read the text aloud and discuss together any significant observations or issues needing clarification.
- 3) What does v. 6 teach you about the humanity of Jesus, and how does that show his ability to relate to your human condition?
- 4) How would you explain the nature of the water Jesus is offering the Samaritan woman in vv. 7-15? What does it mean spiritually to thirst no longer (v. 14)?
- 5) The conversation in vv. 16-18 (along with her coming alone to the well) is often interpreted to mean the Samaritan woman was a sinner/prostitute. How does the situation of the woman change if the woman was instead abusively rejected by numerous men who married and divorced her, with the latest not even marrying her?
- 6) Based on vv. 20-24, what does it mean to worship “in Spirit and truth” (note: “Spirit and truth” belong together and should not be read as separate words)?
- 7) Why in v. 27 are the disciples surprised and even disturbed that Jesus was talking with a Samaritan woman? What kind of people can contemporary Christians want to avoid or think poorly of, and how would Jesus treat such people?
- 8) What is Jesus saying in v. 35, and how can Christians obey what he is commanding his disciples to do?
- 9) Our text ends with the Samaritans declaring that Jesus is “the Savior of the world” (v. 42). How should this truth make an impact on how we worship, evangelize, and think about the world?
- 10) What *truths to believe* or *actions to obey* does this passage of Scripture teach us?

Further study this week: Luke 10:25-37 on the good Samaritan (Mon); Acts 1:1-11 on witnessing to the world, including Samaria (Tues); Acts 8:1-8 on ministry success in Samaria (Wed); Acts 9:1-31, esp. v. 31, on the church being built up in Samaria (Thurs); Luke 17:11-19 on Jesus’ ministry to a Samaritan (Fri).