



come & see

THIRST

JOHN 4:1-42

“Line for line, your story or mine won’t be identical to the story of the woman at that well in long-ago Samaria, but each of us can relate to her when it comes to our inventory of deep—and thwarted—yearnings. I might differ in the ways I try and address my longings (not too many of us have had 5 spouses), but the reality of the soul ache is something I can’t ignore. You and I will vary in the ways, willingness, and abilities we have to articulate it, but just beneath the surface, gnawing at each of us are our longings for...Significance, Truth, Beauty, Goodness, Identity, Security, Shalom.”

MATT HEARD

“A superficial engagement with my longings will lead to a superficial engagement with the gospel!”

MATT HEARD

As we look at Jesus' encounter with this woman,
we will be introduced to 4 ideas:

- Water...vv 1-15
- Wells...vv 16-18
- Worship...vv 19-26
- Witness...vv 27-42

WATER

“Now when Jesus learned that the Pharisees had heard that Jesus was making and baptizing more disciples than John (although Jesus himself did not baptize, but only his disciples), he left Judea and departed again for Galilee. And he had to pass through Samaria. So he came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the field that Jacob had given to his son Joseph.

Jacob's well was there; so Jesus, wearied as he was from his journey, was sitting beside the well. It was about the sixth hour. A woman from Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." (For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.)

JOHN 4:1-8

There is No One Beyond the Need For God and
No One Beyond the Reach Of God!

Jesus is all at once challenging the cultural assumptions
of misogyny, racism and moralism.

The Samaritan woman said to him, “How is it that you, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a woman of Samaria?” (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, “If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, ‘Give me a drink,’ you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.” The woman said to him, “Sir, you have nothing to draw water with, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water?”

Are you greater than our father Jacob? He gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did his sons and his livestock.” 13 Jesus said to her, “Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, 14 but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again.[b] The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.” 15 The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water, so that I will not be thirsty or have to come here to draw water.”

JOHN 4:9-15

WELLS

Jesus said to her, “Go, call your husband, and come here.” The woman answered him, “I have no husband.” Jesus said to her, “You are right in saying, ‘I have no husband’; for you have had five husbands, and the one you now have is not your husband. What you have said is true.”

JOHN 4:16-18

WORSHIP

John 4:19-26

“Everybody worships. The only choice we get is what to worship. And the compelling reason for maybe choosing some sort of god...to worship...is that pretty much anything else you worship will eat you alive. If you worship money and things, if they are where you tap real meaning from life, then you will never have enough, never feel you have enough. It's the truth. Worship your own body and beauty and sexual allure, and you will always feel ugly.

And when time and age start showing, you will die a million deaths before (your loved ones) finally plant you...Worship power, and you will end up feeling weak and afraid, and you will need more power over others to numb you to your own fear. Worship your intellect, being seen as smart, you will end up feeling stupid, a fraud, always on the verge of being found out. Look, the insidious thing about these forms of worship is not that they are evil or sinful; it that they are unconscious. They are default settings.”

DAVID FOSTER WALLACE

“...the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people...”

WITNESS

John 4:27-42

“So the woman left her water jar and went away into town and said to the people, ‘Come see the man who told me all that I ever did. Could this be the Christ?’”

“Come everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live...”

ISAIAH 55:1-3