

The Woman at the Well
4G: John, the Maverick Gospel (Message 8)
John 4:1-26

The shortest route between Jerusalem and in the south and Galilee in the north required walking through Samaria. For Jews in Jesus' day, this region was definitely the "wrong side of the tracks." Samaritans were despised by the Jews and did their best to return the compliment. Jesus seemed to go out of his way to challenge these traditional animosities. He showed up at the well of Sychar just as a woman arrived.

When you are really thirsty, what quenches your thirst the best?

What was your favorite "watering hole" to hang out as a teenager?

What can you conclude about this woman's character?

How do you think the woman felt when Jesus talked to her?

How would you describe the woman's response to Jesus asking for a favor?

How did Jesus demonstrate his love for this woman?

How did the woman react to her encounter with Jesus?

Why do you think this woman changed the conversation to focus on a religious controversy?

In this story, what does Jesus mean by telling her that God is interested in worshipers who will do so in “spirit and truth.”

What do the woman’s actions reveal about the way Jesus affected her life?

In what ways can you identify with a woman in this story?

What does this story reveal about God’s attitude toward sinful people?

When have you felt God’s concern and love for you?

What keeps you from showing God’s love to others?

How does the woman’s response to Jesus inspire you?

How do Jesus’ actions in this story encourage you to treat others?

What social, ethnic or religious barriers have you overcome in Jesus name?

What are you constantly thirsting for? How has Jesus satisfied you?