

THIS WEEK'S MESSAGE

FEBRUARY 26TH, 2023 // GOSPEL OF JOHN

WEARY (JOHN 4:1-6) PROVIDENCE

Facing persecution, Jesus returns to Galilee. His path through Sychar was the shortest route, but it also offered a divine opportunity.

- Revealing His humanity, Jesus stops to rest at Jacobs well. **We see Jesus sitting here alone, thirsty, and weary. And here we will see Him minister to a woman that is alone, thirsty, and weary.**

THIRST (JOHN 4:7-9) GIVE ME A DRINK

Jesus asks this woman to give Him a drink. Everything that followed this request would reveal that this woman was lost in her life and that Jesus would offer a new life for her to live.

- **Responding to Christ will always lead to the next step in finding our life with Him. It was okay for her to ask why; the point is, she responded directly to Jesus.**

A SAMARITAN

The Jews and the Samaritans had a troubled past. Jewish men would never speak to a Samaritan woman. This woman was NOT like Nicodemus.

- **Christ isn't looking for status, gender, morality, race, or nationality. He is seeking lonely, thirsty, weary, lost people.**

WATER (JOHN 4:10-15) LIVING WATER

Jesus tells her that He has what she is looking for, but she doesn't understand that He is offering more than water. She can see that He doesn't have the resources to give her water. She even implies that there is plenty of water in the well.

- **When Jesus speaks to us, do we look at our lives and believe that it is good enough? Are we ready for His response?**

SPRINGING UP IN HIM...

She had only experienced water through the work she had done: dropping the bucket in the well, drawing it up, filling her containers, and carrying it home. This was the only life she knew.

- **Jesus offers to fill us from the inside, so much that what He gives will overflow into eternity.**

TRUTH (JOHN 4:16-26) HONESTY

Jesus made another request of her, but this time she didn't question Him; she just replied honestly. Jesus shared that He already knew about her life and all she had done.

- **Why would we try to hide who we are and what we've done from Christ? He knows us. He died for us. He wants to have a relationship with us. Why lie?**

SALVATION

As she perceives that He is a prophet, she seeks answers to differences in understanding and tradition.

- Jesus shares that those things will pass away, and what will be left is authentic worship in Spirit and truth. **He then reveals that He is the Messiah. It's not about when and where; it's about who.**

HARVEST (JOHN 4:27-42) COME, SEE...

She left her water Jar because something else had filled her life. She was saying that Christ had told her everything she had ever done.

- **Once she had come face-to-face with the Messiah and realized He knew her sin, she was no longer defined by her past. She would now be known as the woman who met the Messiah.**

NOW

The disciples seem to be distracted by the woman, food, and timing.

- **When Jesus reveals Himself, the opportunity to respond to Him is now. He has already prepared us through His word, the Holy Spirit and even our circumstances. When He calls, we should respond without excuses.**

RESULTS

This woman had returned to her town and called the people to come and see Jesus.

- **Many believed. They responded because someone had told them about Jesus, but they believed when they came to see Jesus for themselves. Jesus was no longer just a Savior of Jews or Samaritans; He is the Savior of the World!**

NEEDS

- People are exhausted, weak, and worn out.
- **The world will continue to offer the next great pick-me-up, and many will believe that's as good as it gets.**
- **Our real need is a Savior and His ability to keep us overflowing with His Spirit.**

REALITY

- In our weakness, we sin for satisfaction.
- **In our pride, we refuse to confess to our God who already knows our sin.**
- **When we humbly surrender and confess to the One who died for us, He saves us. He will connect us to other Believers who have His heart of forgiveness. Then, we will carry His message to the world around us.**

DISCIPLESHIP

- When we know Christ, it will not be secret.
- **When we follow Christ, we will not be distracted by the noise around us.**
- **When we serve Christ, we will intentionally grow and invest in others. We will see the harvest and rejoice. Are you sharing the message and seeing the joy?**