

makes a detour

- <sup>4</sup> Now He had to go through Samaria.
- <sup>5</sup> So He came to a town in Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of ground Jacob had given to his son Joseph.
- <sup>6</sup> Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired as He was from the journey, sat down by the well. It was about noon.

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- starts the conversation
- raises the issue (thirst)

<sup>7</sup> 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.)

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- overcomes the barriers

<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.)

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- overcomes the barriers
- awakens the desire

<sup>10</sup> 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.'

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11 'Sir,' the woman said, 'you have nothing to draw with and the well is deep. Where can you get this living water? 12 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?'

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13 Jesus answered, 'Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, 14 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.'

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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.'

 points out the problem you're looking in the wrong place

<sup>16</sup> He told her, 'Go, call your husband and come back.'

<sup>17</sup> '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.'

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- points up the gospel
  you're looking for the wrong thing

19 'Sir,' the woman said, 'I can see that you are a prophet.

<sup>20</sup> Our ancestors worshipped on this mountain, but you Jews claim that the place where we must worship is in Jerusalem.'

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<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.

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<sup>23</sup> Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshippers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshippers the Father seeks. <sup>24</sup> God is spirit, and His worshippers must worship in the Spirit and in truth.'

- points out the problem you're looking in the wrong place
- points up the gospel you're looking for the wrong thing
- points to Himself
  you're looking at the wrong time

<sup>25</sup> The woman said, 'I know that Messiah' (called Christ) 'is coming. When He comes, He will explain everything to us.'

<sup>26</sup> Then Jesus declared, 'I, the one speaking to you – I am He.'

surprise

<sup>27</sup> Just then His disciples returned and were surprised to find Him talking with a woman. But no one asked, 'What do you want?' or 'Why are you talking with her?'

<sup>28</sup> Then, leaving her water jar, the woman went back to the town and said to the people, <sup>29</sup> 'Come, see a man who told me everything I've ever done. Could this be the Messiah?' <sup>30</sup> They came out of the town and made their way towards Him.

- surprise
- service
- <sup>31</sup> Meanwhile His disciples urged Him, 'Rabbi, eat something.'
- <sup>32</sup> But He said to them, 'I have food to eat that you know nothing about.'
- 33 Then His disciples said to each other, 'Could someone have brought him food?'
- <sup>34</sup> 'My food,' said Jesus, 'is to do the will of Him who sent Me and to finish His work.

- surprise
- service
- 'success'
  - the picture of the harvest

35 Don't you have a saying, "It's still four months until harvest"? I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest. 36 Even now the one who reaps draws a wage and harvests a crop for eternal life, so that the sower and the reaper may be glad together.

- surprise
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<sup>37</sup> Thus the saying "One sows and another reaps" is true. <sup>38</sup> I sent you to reap what you have not worked for. Others have done the hard work, and you have reaped the benefits of their labour.'

- surprise
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- 'success'
  - the picture of the harvest
  - the presence of the Saviour

<sup>39</sup> Many of the Samaritans from that town believed in Him because of the woman's testimony, 'He told me everything I've ever done.'

<sup>40</sup> So when the Samaritans came to Him, they urged Him to stay with them, and He stayed two days.

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  - the presence of the Saviour

<sup>41</sup> And because of His words many more became believers.

<sup>42</sup> They said to the woman, 'We no longer believe just because of what you said; now we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this man really is the Saviour of the world.'