

## An Unlikely Woman Meets the Messiah

### *John 4:1-24*

**Introduction:** Today our study in John takes us to another one of those personal conversations with Jesus. This time it is not at night in private with a highly respected man. This time Jesus sits down at a public well at mid-day with a woman of questionable reputation.

At this well Jesus offers a different kind of drink than what the world offers. Just one sip of this water is so vital, so transforming and so satisfying that it quenches the deepest thirst.

“One who drinks from the wells of the world will thirst again, for sinful pleasures never satisfy. Love, success, wealth, fame - these were but a few of the countless springs at which men had stooped to drink, only to rise from them to find that they offered no lasting inward satisfaction, no enduring personal fulfillment.” - The late Dallas Seminary Professor, Zane Hodges

### **The Uncomfortable Circumstance (vs. 1-3)**

*“he left Judea and departed again for Galilee.”*

### **The Risky Route (vs. 4-6)**

*“And he **had** to pass through Samaria.”*

### **The Opening Question (vs. 7-9)**

*“Jesus said to her, ‘Give me a drink.’”*

### **The Amazing Offer (vs. 10)**

*“he would have given you living water.”*

### **The Mixed Up Message (vs. 11-12)**

*“Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob?”*

### **The Clear Description (vs. 13-14)**

*“The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.”*

### **The Woman’s Thirst Revealed (vs. 15-18)**

*“Sir, give me this water...”*

### **The Religion Detour (vs. 19-24)**

*“Our fathers worshiped on this mountain...”*

### **Jesus Revealed (vs. 25-26)**

*“Jesus said to her, ‘I who speak to you am he.’”*

**Conclusion:** It takes an encounter with Jesus the Savior to save us from sin. He offers the only fresh water that satisfies forever.