

Light and Life: Jesus in the Gospel of John

Today's message: **The All-Satisfying Christ**

"This is Christianity: The Lord appears! Suddenly in the midst of the drudgery and the routine and the sameness and the dullness and the drabness, unexpectedly, surprisingly, He meets with you and He says something to you that changes the whole of your life and outlook and lifts you to a level that you had never conceived could be possible for you."

- Martyn Lloyd-Jones

The **Setting:**

John 4:1-6 (ESV)

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.

Jesus' necessary route ...

An enduring image:

The **encounter**, the **woman**, and the **drink**

John 4:7-9 (ESV)

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.) 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.)

What stands out?

What this encounter tells me about **Jesus and His love for me:**

- Jesus sees my _____
- Jesus knows my _____
- Jesus understands my _____ and _____
(Note: _____ is the greatest isolator!)
- Yet, Jesus _____ me ...
- And, Jesus offers me something _____

The **gift of God:**

John 4:10-12 (ESV)

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."

Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. **The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.**"

What I need to **know:**

What I need to **ask:**

The **response of faith:**

John 4:15 (ESV)

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."