



# PITWM VERSE BY VERSE

## JOHN 4:5-19, 28-29

### LESSON: GOD SEES THE SAMARITAN WOMAN—October 26, 2025

#### INTRODUCTION:

**Chapter 4:1-4** There were Pharisees that <sup>1</sup>opposed John the Baptist, but they were even more opposed to Jesus Himself. By this time word had filtered out to them that Jesus was baptizing even more than John. This angered the Pharisees. Jesus was preaching; His men were baptizing. Jesus left these religious people of that day and went out to where His message would be more readily accepted. It says, "*He must needs go through Samaria.*" Jesus had a compelling compassion that drove Him to a woman in need. This was also the most direct route to Galilee. Samaria needed the gospel as much as other areas.

#### LESSON:

##### I. JOHN 4:5-6

**4:5** Then cometh he to a city of Samaria, which is called Sychar, near to the parcel of ground that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jesus' journey took Him to Sychar, a city a few miles southeast of Samaria and near Mount Gerizim. According to Genesis 33:19, Jacob bought this parcel of ground, and later gave it to his son Joseph (Gen.48:22).

**4:6** Now Jacob's well was there, Jesus therefore, being wearied with his journey, sat thus on the well, and it was about the sixth hour. This parcel of ground is called Jacob's well. And Jesus being wearied in His journey, He rested there about six o'clock in the evening.

##### II. JOHN 4:7-9

**4:7** There cometh a woman of Samaria to draw water: Jesus saith unto her, Give me to drink. The very purpose Jesus had come for, had arrived. This Samaritan woman had come to draw water. Right away Jesus took the initiative in the conversation by asking her for a drink of water from the well. We know not her name. Evidently her name was not important. Jesus transcends the barrier of race. He was a Jew and she was a Samaritan; He was a teacher and she was a prostitute. She was a member of the hated mixed race. She had a reputation and she was in a public place. She's in the right place at the right time! This was no chance encounter for it was said: "*And he must needs go through Samaria*" 4:4. There was a need!

**4:8** (For his disciples were gone away unto the city to buy meat.)—<sup>2</sup>This tells us a few things about the disciples. They had money to buy meat. Had they been with Jesus, this conversation with Jesus and the woman would have been harder. The disciples would not have wanted Him speaking to her.

**4:9** Then saith the woman of Samaria unto him, How is it that thou, being a Jew, askest drink

<sup>1</sup> <http://www.lovetheLord.com/books/john/10.html>

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**of me, which am a woman of Samaria? for the Jews have no dealings with the Samaritans.** The Jews considered the Samaritans to be in a continual state of uncleanness, thus they would have thought that drinking water from this woman's water jar would make a person ceremonially unclean. Therefore, Jews thought themselves better than the Samaritans. And she as a woman was not too highly thought of either. This was not a barrier for Jesus. Jesus treated all the same.

### III. JOHN 4:10-12

**4:10 Jesus answered and said unto her, If thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of him, and he would have given thee living water.** Now this is a powerful statement, "*If you knew the gift of God...*" The gift of God refers to the living water. The emphasis is now taken off of Jesus' need for physical water and is placed on the woman's need for spiritual water. To the Jew, living water was water that was always flowing and moving along, such as a creek fed by springs or a lake with both an inflow and an outflow. Dead water was stagnant water such as ponds or pools that were always sitting still with no inflow or outflow. However, when Jesus spoke of living water, He meant much more than living streams and lakes.

1. Living water is of God. The water that God gives is the most alive water there is.
2. Living water is the gift of God. The word "*giff*" means it is freely given, not earned or deserved.
3. Living water is given by asking for it. The woman had never received living water because she had never known about it, and had never asked for it. Now it is available for the asking.

**4:11 The woman saith unto him, Sir, thou hast nothing to draw with, and the well is deep: from whence then hast thou that living water?—** The well she was speaking of was very deep and Jesus didn't have a container to draw the water out. She wonders where is Jesus going to get this living water?

**4:12 Art thou greater than our father Jacob, which gave us the well, and drank thereof himself, and his children, and his cattle?—** The woman saw clearly that Jesus was making an unusual claim. She didn't quite understand what the claim was, but she knew something when she asked "*Are you greater than our father Jacob who gave us the well?*" Jacob had to dig the well in order to secure water for his family. "*Was Jesus greater, able to do more than Jacob did?*" To her, Jesus was claiming to be greater than one of the greatest religious fathers, Jacob himself. He was claiming to have access to a much better water for quenching the thirst of men. Her emphasis had always been on Jacob, as was the emphasis of most Samaritans. Jesus will have to draw her away from that without demeaning Jacob.

### IV. JOHN 4:13-15

**4:13 Jesus answered and said unto her, Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again:—** Men have two thirsts: a physical thirst and a spiritual thirst. Men know how to quench their physical thirst, but their spiritual thirst is a different matter. The stagnant waters of the flesh and the world never quench a man's thirst. They are like salt water; they only make a man crave

for more and more. He is not speaking of actual water, but symbolically of the Spirit of the living God demonstrating God's power and presence which carries with it salvation and eternal life. Jesus shows her that she has need of "water" that will cleanse her of sin.

**4:14 But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life.**

Jesus continues by stating that if one drinks of Jacob's well, he will need to drink again, but if one drinks of Christ's well, he shall never thirst again. This water produces a well that keeps on bubbling into everlasting life.

1. The living water keeps a man from ever thirsting again. His inner thirst is gone forever. It is quenched and fully satisfied.
2. The living water is "a well of water" placed in the man. The well is not placed outside the man, but placed in him.
3. The living water springs up and continues to bubble up, flowing on and on. It is ever in motion.
4. The living water springs up into everlasting life. It will never end.

No one had ever spoken of this living water, but here Jesus brings it to a woman in Samaria. Just as Nicodemus in chapter 3 had to be born again; born of the water and Spirit, this woman of Samaria had to have the living water living in her that will cause her spiritual life to come alive, to the presence of God. All these are images of the Spirit of God. It was not just a drink of water but a gushing spring that will well up within her. John 7:37-39 says...

37 In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink. 38 He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water. 39 (But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.)

**4:15 The woman saith unto him, Sir, give me this water, that I thirst not, neither come hither to draw.** The Samaritan woman is now eager to receive this water. She had only come for the physical water, but now wants this water Jesus is talking about. This time **she** asks for it. Her action speaks loud and clear!

- That I thirst not (physical thirst).
- That I will not have to come and draw water every day.

She only grasped that this water would satisfy her thirst, and she wouldn't have to thirst again. This water would fill her heart's desire.

## V. JOHN 4:16-19

**4:16 Jesus saith unto her, Go call thy husband, and come hither.** Jesus has to go further to get her to understand. Even though she had requested this living water, before she could be given the living water of spiritual rebirth, she had to be convicted of her sin and renounce it. He brings up her husband. He tells her to go get him, tell him to come.

**4:17 The woman answered and said, I have no husband, Jesus said unto her, Thou has well said, I have no husband.** Jesus knows everything including the secret she might have wanted to hide. The woman gives the right answer to the One who knows all her business.

**4:18 For thou hast had five husbands, and he whom thou now hast is not thy husband: in**

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**that saidst thou truly.** Jesus told her that she has had five husbands, and even the one she was living with at that time wasn't even hers. She could not deny it! She couldn't keep anything hidden from Jesus. The first point was that she was still trying to find satisfaction by going from man to man. Second point is that the sinner cannot evade his sin. One has to face it and renounce it if one wants the living water of spiritual rebirth. Jesus had confronted the woman with her sin, and she now plainly looks at it.

**4:19 The woman said unto him, Sir, I perceive that thou art a prophet.** The woman now looks at Jesus differently. Now, she even addresses Him differently, for she calls Him Sir, (a sign of more respect) and perceives Jesus as a Prophet. She knew enough that a Prophet was one sent by God.

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## VI. JOHN 4:28-29

**4:28 The woman then left her waterpot, and went her way into the city, and saith to the men,—** This woman at the well was so excited that she left her waterpot behind. It was like leaving your old life behind for a new life. The Messiah had confronted her; she had actually met Him, and He had met the need of her heart and life. She had to tell everyone about a man she had met. She was an outcast from society, had no friends because of the immoral life she had lived. Jesus has given her that opportunity and throughout the city she tells of the goodness of God; and she goes straight to tell the men.

**4:29 Come, see a man, which told me all things that ever I did: is not this the Christ?—** She readily tells the men of the city to "Come see a man." That's what Philip said to Nathanael, "Come and see." She's not just talking about any man but "the" man! It is the man who told her all she's ever done. It is the man that spoke of her husband which is not hers. He dealt with her sin and shame. She could now face anyone. Can this be the Christ? The same question Nicodemus was interested in. <sup>3</sup>While Nicodemus comes to faith very slowly and somewhat reluctantly, the woman at the well seems to grasp the issues and trust in Jesus as the Messiah. While Nicodemus, an influential leader among the Jews, brings no one to Christ, the woman at the well brings the whole town out to hear Jesus, and eventually to trust in Him. <sup>4</sup>They never responded to her before, but now they do, because God is working in her. She immediately becomes an evangelist; she has to tell what happened to her.

## SUMMARY:

**5-6** Jesus' journey took Him to Sychar, a city a few miles southeast of Samaria and near Mount Gerizim, near to the parcel of ground that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. This parcel of ground is called Jacob's well. And Jesus being wearied in His journey, He rested there about six o'clock in the evening. <sup>5</sup>Jesus is passing through Samaria on His way from Judea to Galilee when He becomes tired, hungry, and thirsty and sits down by a well to rest.

<sup>3</sup> <http://bible.org/seriespage/woman-well-john-41-42>

<sup>4</sup> <http://www.raystedman.org/new-testament/john/the-man-who-understood-woman>

<sup>5</sup> <http://www.pbc.org/messages/meeting-at-a-well>

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**7-9** And while He is alone a Samaritan woman approaches the well to draw water. When Jesus asks this woman for a drink, a conversation begins that is the longest recorded encounter between Jesus and any person in Scripture. It is a startling encounter in many ways. In that age Jews did not engage in long conversations with Samaritans; unrelated men and women did not speak to one another; and Rabbis did not talk to "compromised" people. Yet Jesus throws off these social conventions to reach out to this woman. The woman was shocked that Jesus would even speak to her. Yes, <sup>6</sup>The Samaritan woman went to the well in order to get water.

**10-12** Jesus was revealing to the woman that if she knew the gift of God, and who's saying to drink, she would ask for this living water. In other words, He was the source of true spiritual life and of eternal life. She also sees that He has nothing to draw water with, and questions if He's greater than their father Jacob who gave the well.

**13-15** if you drink from this well, you will thirst again. But, the water Jesus gives is everlasting, where you'll never be thirsty again. Jesus also told the woman that there was a difference between the water that she came to the well to get, and the living water that He could give. He has seen who she is and He wants to replace her thirsty life, with the thirst-quenching water of the Holy Spirit of God. The Samaritan woman is now eager to receive this water. She had only come for the physical water but now wants this water Jesus is talking about.

**16-19** Before she could be given the living water of spiritual rebirth, she had to be convicted of her sin and renounce it. He brings up her husband. The woman gives the right answer to the One who knows all her business. Jesus told her that she has had five husbands. And even the one she was living with at that time wasn't even hers. She could not deny it nor dance around it. The woman now looks at Jesus differently. Now, she even addresses Him differently, for she calls Him Sir, (a sign of more respect) and perceives Jesus as a Prophet.

**28-29** The woman left her water pot and went into the village to share her new faith. She told them that she had met "*a man who told her about all the things she had ever done.*" That man is JESUS!

<sup>6</sup> <http://www.biblegems.com/JOHN3V28.HTM>

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