

Journey Through the New Testament

John 2 – 6

Series: The Resurrection and the Life

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Introduction

John's gospel focuses upon Jesus as the *incarnate* Word of God. "The Word became flesh and made his home among us" (John 1:14) Imagine, the divine, Holy God, walking around in human skin and bones! That's what incarnate means—flesh and blood. Jesus brought God to the world as both fully human and fully divine. In today's lesson, Jesus was hungry, tired and thirsty—very human circumstances. But even in his thirst, he was a spring of eternal life to an outcast woman—very divine. No matter the circumstances, Jesus was always focused upon doing the Father's will and completing his earthly mission.

Opening Prayer

Dear Lord, it is comforting to know that you experienced life's joys and sorrows. You too grew hungry, thirsty, tired, and angry. And still, you walked this earth full of grace and truth, revealing the unconditional love of the Father. May we take a long and full drink of the water that only comes from you. Amen.

Bible Study Read John 4:1-9 (CEB)

What?

1. What people, places and things are described in this reading?
2. What was significant about Jesus going through Samaria on his way back to Galilee?
3. What was significant about Jesus speaking to the woman at the well? Also, note the odd time for her to be drawing water. (v. 6-7)

Lesson Notes: Jews and Samaritans shared a common heritage but had conflict over the place of worship. Samaritans worshipped on Mt. Gerizim and Jews recognized Jerusalem, Mt. Zion as the sacred place of worship. Jews considered Samaritans as unclean since they had intermarried with foreigners. Jews avoided all contact with them and even refused to walk on their land. (Harper-Collins Bible Dictionary) Additionally, Jewish men were not to speak to women in public. Perhaps the woman came to the well at noon to avoid humiliation from others. Water was normally drawn early in the day.

Read John 4:10-15

1. What was the woman focused upon? (v. 11-12)
2. What was Jesus trying to bring to her awareness instead? (v. 10, 13-14)

Read John 4:16-26

1. Jesus got personal. What did he inquire about as he talked with the Samaritan woman? (v. 16)
2. What was her response? (v. 17) Note the flow of the conversation and what Jesus eventually pointed out to her in verse 26. Why do you think he changed the topic from water to husband(s)?

Read John 4:27-34

1. What were the disciples focused on when they returned? (v. 27)
2. What did the woman finally realize? And when she “got it,” what did she do? (v. 28-30)
3. What were the disciples still thinking about in verse 31? What was Jesus focused on instead?
4. Who in the story actually “got it?”

So What?

1. In Jesus’ conversation with the woman and the disciples, what truths do we discover?
2. So, what similarities were there between the woman and the disciples as they interacted with Jesus?
3. How did the woman and the disciples differ in their responses?
4. So, what was the result of this forbidden contact between Jesus and the Samaritan woman? (v. 39-42)

Now What?

If you knew the gift of God...you would have asked him and he would have given you living water. John 4:10

1. Now, what do you need to ask of Jesus so that your spiritual thirst can be satisfied? So that you can experience “Resurrection and the Life?”
2. Is there something Jesus wants you to know, but you keep missing the point? Changing the subject?
3. How does this lesson demonstrate the theme—The Resurrection and the Life?

Closing Reflection

Like the woman at the well, I was seeking for things that could not satisfy. And then I heard my Savior speaking—“Draw from my well that never shall run dry.”

Richard Blanchard, *Fill My Cup*