

Ephesians 2:10 (NIRV)

DAY 2

Motivated in Christ

The Samaritan woman at the well (John 4: 1-42)



Review Bible Lesson, Day 1 (John 3:1-7)

We are recreated in Christ. When we believe that Jesus Christ is our Savior, and are filled with the Holy Spirit, we become a new person. We think, act, and live differently.

Jesus and his disciples had to travel from Judea to Galilee. The Jews and Samaritans did not get along at all. The Jews hated the Samaritans so much, they believed contact with the Samaritans would make them unclean. The Jews normally would cross the river twice to get to Galilee, so they didn't have to go through Samaria. Jesus chose to go straight through Samaria instead.





Jesus stopped in Sychar, where Jacob's well was located. Tired from the long walk, He sat down beside the well to rest and sent His disciples to town to get food. Soon a Samaritan woman came to fill her water jar. Jesus asked her for a drink of water.

Shocked, the woman asked, "How can you ask me for a drink?"

She was surprised because Jesus was a Jew, and she was a Samaritan. Also, Jewish leaders did not speak to women in public. The fact that Jesus spoke to her shows that all people, whether Jew or Gentile, man or woman, popular or outcast, are valuable to Jesus.





Jesus said to the woman, "You do not know what God's gift is. And you do not know who is asking you for a drink. If you did, you would have asked him. He would have given you living water."

"Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get this living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well...?" The woman asked.

Jesus replied, "Everyone who drinks of that water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I give them will never be thirsty."

The woman was eager to drink the life-giving water. Jesus told her to go get her husband and come back.

"I don't have a husband," the woman replied.

"You are right," Jesus answered. "You have had five husbands, and the man you are living with now is not your husband."

Jesus knew about her life, but He asked her to bring her husband anyway. Why? In order to receive the life-giving water, we have to recognize our need for it. Forgiveness comes only to those who confess and repent of their sin.

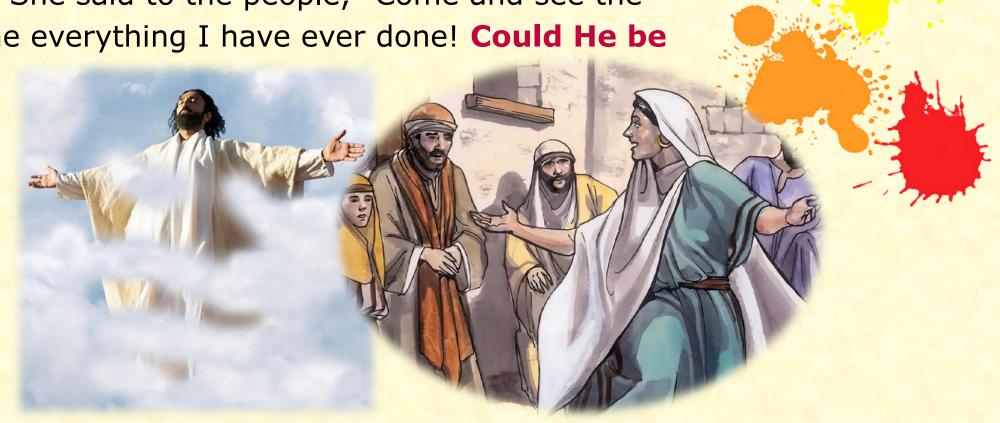


The woman began to understand that Jesus was more than just a man, and that He was talking about faith in God. She said, "I know that the Messiah will come, and when He comes, He will tell us everything."

Then Jesus said, "I am He."

When she heard this, the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, "Come and see the man who told me everything I have ever done! Could He be

the Messiah?"







Many Samaritans believed in Jesus because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I have ever done." So when the Samaritans came to Jesus, they asked Him to stay with them; and He stayed there two days. **And many more believed because of His Word.**

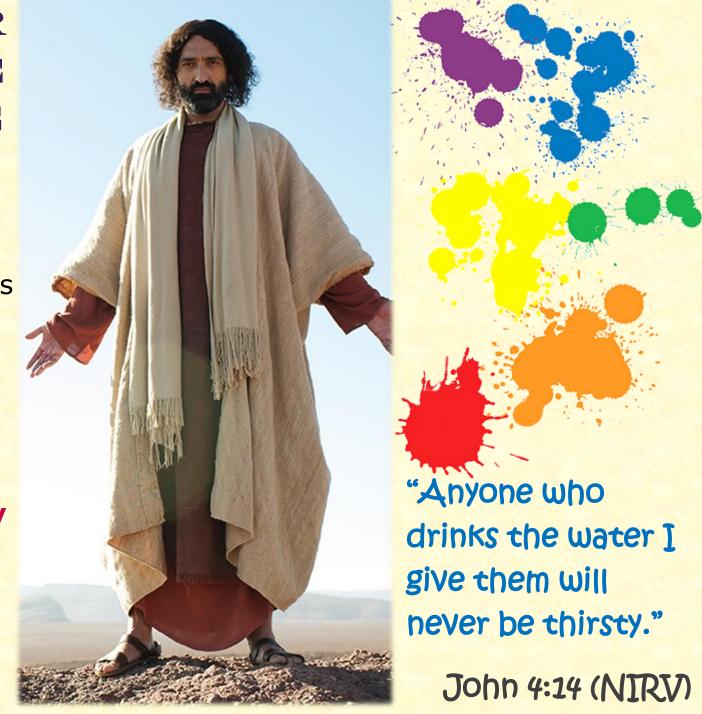
They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world."

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