

## “Everyone Who Drinks” - John 4:11-26

Ask - “What is your favorite drink?”

Background - Jesus regularly traveled back and forth between Galilee and Judea. Samaria was situated between these 2 regions, and many devout Jews would go out of their way to avoid passing through it when traveling from north to south or vice versa. Most Jews looked upon the Samaritans with disdain. However, Jesus made it a point to pass through Samaria.

“Who Are You” - John 4:11-14

(v11) Read & discuss verses 1-10 for context. Why was the woman of Samaria confused by Jesus’ offer to give her “living water”?

(v12) Who had originally dug that well several centuries earlier? How did the Samaritans esteem Jacob? How did this woman question Jesus?

(v13-14) How did Jesus answer her? How did he contrast the water in Jacob’s well against the living water that He offered? Discuss.

JESUS MET A SAMARITAN WOMAN AT JACOB’S WELL. HE OFFERED HER LIVING WATER. SHE WAS CONFUSED AND TAKEN BACK BY A BIT HIS STATEMENT. WHO WAS THIS MAN?

“You Are a Prophet” - John 4:15-20

(v15) What did the Samaritan woman ask of Jesus? Why did she want the living water? Based on her statement, did she understand what Jesus meant?

(v16-18) How did Jesus answer her and what personal details did He share about her life?

(v19-20) What was her reaction to Jesus’ knowledge? Who did she perceive Him to be? How did she compare the Samaritans and Jews? How did she refer to the Jews?

IN LIGHT OF JESUS KNOWING PERSONAL DETAILS ABOUT HER LIFE, THE SAMARITAN WOMAN PERCEIVED HIM TO BE A PROPHET.

“I Am the Christ” - John 4:21-26

(v21-22) What did Jesus say to the woman about the origin of worship and how the manner of worship would soon change?

(v23-24) Rather than worshiping God in a specific place, what would be the emphasis of true worship? Why? Discuss the implications of such worship.

(v25-26) What did the Samaritan woman know and declare? How did Jesus respond to her declaration?

JESUS SPOKE OF A DAY WHEN TRUE WORSHIPERS WOULD WORSHIP GOD IN SPIRIT AND IN TRUTH. HE IDENTIFIED HIMSELF AS THE LONG-AWAITED MESSIAH, THE CHRIST.

Application - During His conversation with the woman from Samaria at Jacob's Well, Jesus compared salvation to living water. In Him we find a fountain that brings forth eternal life. Those who drink from this living water by trusting in Jesus find forgiveness of sin, pardon from condemnation, and new life in Christ. This living water is available to any who will drink... Jew, Samaritan, or anyone. Have you partaken of the living water? Have you trusted in Jesus as your Lord and Savior?