

Fake News / Real Jesus

Week 7: The Real Jesus Satisfies Your Soul

Weekly Summary: When a “bad Samaritan” met Jesus, she was shocked by his behavior. He engaged her, confused her, and then saved her, turning her into the Bible’s most unlikely missionary. This message reminds us that Jesus is still offering the water of life to the most unlikely people in the most unlikely places.

◆ John 4:3-6 - So he left Judea and went back once more to Galilee. **4** Now he had to go through Samaria. **5** So he came to a town in Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of ground Jacob had given to his son Joseph. **6** Jacob’s well was there, and Jesus, tired as he was from the journey, sat down by the well. It was about noon.

John 4:7-15 - When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, “Will you give me a drink?” **8** (His disciples had gone into the town to buy food.). **9** The Samaritan woman said to him, “You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink?” (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans.). **10** Jesus answered her, “If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water.” **11** “Sir,” the woman said, “you have nothing to draw with and the well is deep. Where can you get this living water? **12** Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did also his sons and his livestock?” **13** Jesus answered, “Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, **14** but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life.” **15** The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water so that I won’t get thirsty and have to keep coming here to draw water.”

◆ Two Problems:

1. Getting water is work.
2. Most water doesn’t work.

◆ John 4:16-18 - He told her, “Go, call your husband and come back.” **17** “I have no husband,” she replied. Jesus said to her, “You are right when you say you have no husband. **18** The fact is, you have had five husbands, and the man you now have is not your husband. What you have just said is quite true.”

◆ Six “Waters” That Don’t Work:

1. Love
2. Lust
3. Looks
4. Likes
5. Loot
6. Leisure

◆ Jeremiah 2:13 - “My people have committed two sins: They have forsaken me, the spring of living water, and have dug their own cisterns, broken cisterns that cannot hold water.”

◆ John 4:25 - The woman said, “I know that Messiah” (called Christ) “is coming. When he comes, he will explain everything to us.”

John 4:26 - Then Jesus declared, “I, the one speaking to you—I am he.”

◆ The Solution: Jesus’ water works (and it’s not work).

◆ Revelation 22:17b - Let the one who is thirsty come; and let the one who wishes take the free gift of the water of life.

Points to Ponder

1. Which of the six “waters” do you most often turn to for a satisfying life? What kind of work does it take to get them?
2. Evaluate: Good things that turn into “God things” are just as spiritually dangerous as bad things.
3. Meditate on Psalm 63. Name three connections you see between that ancient song and John 4.

Homework For Next Week: Genesis 1-3