

Have You Found What You are Looking For?

What's the Big Deal About Jesus? Part X

John 4:1-30, 39-42

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- I. The Problem: We spend our lives pursuing dreams, hobbies, relationships and possessions that leave us thirsting for more. (Jeremiah 2:13)

- II. The Solution: Living water found in Jesus Christ. (John 4:13, 14)

The deep longings of the heart are inner peace, a sense of value, confidence, purpose, joy and hope which can only be found in a relationship with God through Jesus.

- III. How can we receive living water?
 - A. By acknowledging and confessing our sins of pursuing water from broken cisterns. (John 4:1-9, 19)

“If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.”
- I John 1:8

 - B. By recognizing that Jesus is the Messiah who is the savior of the world. (John 4:25, 26, 42)

**“[John] 4:4-42
Jesus, the God-Man**

Here is a classic encounter between Jesus and a seeker—in this case, an admittedly sinful woman who thought for sure that God would never bother with her.

This woman was an outcast, as evidenced by her coming to the well in the heat of the day to avoid others. Yet there she met a man who told her ‘everything [she] ever did.’ At first, she could hardly believe Jesus would take the time to speak to her. Then Jesus amazed her further by outlining the details of her immoral lifestyle!

Here Jesus demonstrated both tender compassion and supernatural insight. He overcame huge racial, gender, and positional barriers to reach into this woman’s world. In reality, Jesus was a ‘seeker’ in this situation too. And he still seeks out those who need him today.

The woman brought almost the whole town out to see Jesus, and they too discovered that he was unlike any person they had ever met. The townspeople said what people down through the ages have said after they have investigated the claims of Christ— ‘We have heard for ourselves, and we know that this man really is the Saviour of the world’ (verse 42).”

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