

**“LET GOD’S KINGDOM BE SEEN IN 2017”**

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**JESUS AND THE THIRSTY SEEKING WOMAN**

John 4:1-15

The text by John today introduces us to **a thirsty seeking woman**. There are two seekers in the text: 1) the seeking hungry disciples; and, 2) the seeking thirsty woman. The disciples were hungry for bread and the woman was thirsty for water. The disciple went to buy bread for the body. **The woman came and got water for a thirsty soul.**

Helpful facts from the text:

1. **Jesus made the decision to go where others traditionally did not go. vv.3,4**
2. The Jews had a long-standing tradition of bypassing Samaria.
* Samaria was a territory of half-breed Jews whose blood was mixed with heathens’ blood. Jews made a concerted effort to never mingle and mix with Samaritans.
1. Jesus made a decision to reach out to these rejected and racially excluded people. Jesus is still in the business today of reaching the lost, the last, left out, looked over and the least.
2. Jesus made the decision to reach out someone that would reach back to Him.
3. **God has a timing when His will intervenes and meets with human needs. vv.6,7**
4. Jesus sat on the historical well of Jacob waiting for **a thirsty woman**.
5. It is always the intention of **the providence of God** to meet the needs of people.
6. Therefore, Jesus was not waiting in trivia or waiting in vain. He was waiting upon the human needs of this woman to show up. **God waits for people with needs to come to Him** (Hebrews 11:6; Isaiah 55:1; Matthew 11:28)
7. **Jesus was patient with the woman’s thirst that was created by her human prejudices and human hang ups; vv.9,10**
8. She had allowed her prejudices to build a partition in her heart that limited her effectiveness to handle broad perspectives of life. Her thoughts and actions in life were limited by her prejudicial responses to things and others around her.
9. God can use what you don’t like to help you with what you need.
10. **Jesus offered the thirsty woman water from Her untapped source with her own soul; vv.13,14**
11. **Jesus lets the thirsty woman know that she could not access the fresh well inside until she dealt with her hindrances on the outside; v.15-18**
12. The condition of her soul on the inside reflected her circumstances on the outside.
* **If the soul is miserable on the inside it aligns itself with miserable things and miserable people on the outside.** The thirsty woman’s outside activities mirrored the condition inside of her soul. She had a revolving door of recurring problems.
1. **The thirsty woman optimized her opportunity by exchanging her traditional water source for a new well within;** vv.28-30