

## The Need of the Immoral – Life's Satisfying

John 4

### I. A Savior, a sinner, a well, and water

**John 4:3-8** He left Judea and went away again into Galilee. <sup>4</sup> And He had to pass through Samaria. <sup>5</sup> So He came to a city of Samaria called Sychar, near the piece of land that Jacob gave to Joseph his son; <sup>6</sup> And Jacob's well was there. Jesus therefore, being wearied from the journey, sat thus by the well; it was about the sixth hour. <sup>7</sup> There came a woman of Samaria to draw water. Jesus said to her, Give Me something to drink. <sup>8</sup> For His disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.

**Luke 19:10** For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which is lost.

### II. "This water" vs. the water that Christ will give

**John 4:9-10** The Samaritan woman then said to Him, How is it that You, being a Jew, ask for a drink from me, who am a Samaritan woman? (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.) <sup>10</sup> Jesus answered and said to her, If you knew the gift of God and who it is who says to you, Give Me a drink, you would have asked Him, and He would have given you living water.

**Romans 6:23** For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**John 4:11-14** The woman said to Him, Sir, You have no bucket, and the well is deep; where then do You get this living water? <sup>12</sup> Are You greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well and drank of it himself, as well as his sons and his cattle? <sup>13</sup> Jesus answered and said to her, Everyone who drinks of this water shall thirst again, <sup>14</sup> But whoever drinks of the water that I will give him shall by no means thirst forever; but the water that I will give him will become in him a fountain of water gushing up into eternal life.

**John 7:37-38** Now on the last day, the great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. <sup>38</sup> He who believes into Me, as the Scripture said, out of his innermost being shall flow rivers of living water.

### III. The way to take the living water

#### A. Asking Him

**John 4:15** The woman said to Him, Sir, give me this water so that I will not thirst nor come here to draw.

#### B. Confessing her sins—the "husbands"

**John 4:16-18** He said to her, Go, call your husband and come here. <sup>17</sup> The woman answered and said, I do not have a husband. Jesus said to her, You have well said, I do not have a husband, <sup>18</sup> For you have had five husbands, and the one you now have is not your husband; this you have said truly.

**Isaiah 59:1-2** No, Jehovah's hand is not so short that it cannot save; nor is His ear so heavy that it cannot hear. But your iniquities have become a separation between you and your God, <sup>2</sup> And your sins have hidden His face from you so that He does not hear.

**1 John 1:9** If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

#### **C. True worship—contacting God the Spirit with the human spirit**

**John 4:19-24** The woman said to Him, Sir, I perceive that You are a prophet. <sup>20</sup> Our fathers worshipped in this mountain, yet you say that in Jerusalem is the place where men must worship. <sup>21</sup> Jesus said to her, Woman, believe Me, an hour is coming when neither in this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. <sup>22</sup> You worship that which you do not know; we worship that which we know, for salvation is of the Jews. <sup>23</sup> But an hour is coming, and it is now, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truthfulness, for the Father also seeks such to worship Him. <sup>24</sup> God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truthfulness.

**John 3:6** That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

**Ephesians 2:22** In whom you also are being built together into a dwelling place of God in spirit.

#### **D. Believing that Jesus is the Christ**

**John 4:25-26** The woman said to Him, I know that Messiah is coming (He who is called Christ); when He comes, He will declare all things to us. <sup>26</sup> Jesus said to her, I, who speak to you, am He.

### **IV. True satisfaction, a living testimony, and a marvelous harvest**

**John 4:27-29** And at this point His disciples came, and they marveled that He was speaking with a woman; yet no one said, What are You seeking? or, Why are You speaking with her? <sup>28</sup> Then the woman left her waterpot and went away into the city, and said to the people, <sup>29</sup> Come, see a man who told me all that I have done. Is this not the Christ?...

**John 4:31-36** In the meantime, the disciples urged Him, saying, Rabbi, eat. <sup>32</sup> But He said to them, I have food to eat that you do not know about. <sup>33</sup> The disciples therefore said to one another, Has anyone brought Him anything to eat? <sup>34</sup> Jesus said to them, My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me and to finish His work. <sup>35</sup> Do you not say that there are yet four months and then the harvest comes? Behold, I tell you, Lift up your eyes and look on the fields, for they are already white for harvest. <sup>36</sup> He who reaps receives wages and gathers fruit unto eternal life, in order that he who sows and he who reaps may rejoice together...

**John 4:39** And many of the Samaritans from that city believed into Him because of the word of the woman who testified, He told me all that I have done.