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### ***An Appointment at a Well*** **John 4:3-26**

INTRO:

Our God, who is the *“blessed controller of all things,”* enters into history. He has established divine appointments. For example, in John 1:43 we read about a disciple named Philip. *“The following day Jesus wanted to go to Galilee, and He found Philip and said to him, ‘Follow Me.’”* He also had a divine appointment with Saul the persecutor. He told us about in Galatians 1:15-16. *“But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother’s womb and called me through His grace, to reveal His Son in me, that I might preach Him among the Gentiles, I did not immediately confer with flesh and blood.”*

Today, we will look at an unnamed woman at a well in Sychar in Samaria.

#### **I. I Need to See a Woman about Her Soul (v.3-5)**

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A. He did NOT go through Samaria because it was geographically necessary. Most Jews traveling to Galilee went through Perea so they did not have to go through Samaria.

B. Notice He came to a specific place at a specific time.

### ***II. Scene One: A Jewish Man is Talking to Me (v.7-9)***

***“A woman of Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, ‘Give Me a drink.’ For His disciples had gone away into the city to buy food. Then the woman of Samaria said to Him, ‘How is it that You, being a Jew, ask a drink from me, a Samaritan woman?’ For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.”*** (John 4:7-9).

A. This was the middle of the day. No one comes to draw water at noon unless they want to do it alone.

B. She felt confident that this stranger would ignore her for two reasons. He was Jewish and He was a man. However, Jesus talked to her.

### ***III. Step Two: He is a Teacher, a Rabbi (v. 10-15)***

***“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.’ The woman said to Him, ‘Sir, You have nothing to draw with, and the well is deep. Where then do You get that living water? Are You greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well, and drank from it himself, as well as his sons and his livestock?’ Jesus answered and said to her, ‘Whoever drinks of this water will thirst again but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst. But the water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life.’ The woman said to Him, ‘Sir, give me this water, that I may not thirst, nor come here to draw.’*** (John 4:10-15)

A. Jesus began to talk about living water. This is the water of salvation.

B. The woman discerned Jesus was a Jewish man and was also a Rabbi. Therefore this was probably figurative speech. So she was going to be super literal.

### ***IV. Step Three: He is a prophet. (v. 16-24)***

***“Jesus said to her, “Go, call your husband, and come here.” The woman answered and said, “I have no husband.” Jesus said to her, “You have well said, ‘I have no husband,’ for you have had five husbands, and the one whom you now have is not your husband; in that you spoke truly.” The woman said to Him, “Sir, I perceive that You are a prophet. Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, and you Jews say that in Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship.” Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe Me, the hour is coming when you will neither on this***

*mountain, nor in Jerusalem, worship the Father. You worship what you do not know; we know what we worship, for salvation is of the Jews. But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him.”* (John 4:16–23)

- A. He was **(1)** a Jewish man, **(2)** a rabbi, and now **(3)** she recognizes He is a prophet. So, she asks a theological question.
- B. Jesus did not avoid the theological question, He answered it.
- C. There is much to learn from Jesus’ answer, but don’t take your eyes off the woman. The Holy Spirit was doing something in her heart while she listened to Christ.

#### **V. Step Four: He is the Messiah. (v. 25-26)**

*“The woman said to Him, “I know that Messiah is coming” (who is called Christ). “When He comes, He will tell us all things.” Jesus said to her, “I who speak to you am.”* (John 4:25–26).

- A. **Verse 25** is not really a question, but her thinking is unmistakable. She suddenly realizes that this man is not just a Jew, a rabbi, and a prophet. He is the promised Messiah and actually the Son of God. Jesus said, **“I am,”** God’s divine name.
- B. Is this not how many come to Jesus? First, He is only a man. Then, a good teacher. Next, we come to see He is a prophet, and finally, we discover He is the Son of God who came to save us. Do you know this Jesus?

#### **Hymn 516 He’s Everything to Me**