

Theme: Jesus is not defiled by the world he made; he sanctifies what he touches. Those whom he sanctifies in the truth respond in the only *appropriate* manner, and the only *satisfying* manner – in worship.

Background: A very familiar passage about real life necessities and eternal life essentials.

Introduction: Have you ever experienced real physical thirst that you couldn’t quickly and easily remedy?

I. Jesus Enters Samaria

A. Enemy territory (1-6)

1. A brief history of the enmity
 - From a divided kingdom
 - Political rebels and religious syncretists
2. A direct route to Galilee
3. A “need” for water
 - Jacob’s well

B. Engaging the “enemy” (7-9)

1. A lonesome woman
 - Everything Nicodemus is not
 - But very similar; both are lost
2. A simple request
 - One a pious Jew would never make
3. Her false assumption
 - Is he mocking her?
 - She dismisses him, since he is a Jew

NOTE: Jesus sanctifies what he touches! He is not made unclean by them!

C. A generous offer (to an enemy) (10)

1. I can give you living water!
2. A missed cue (11,12)
 - She knows neither who he is nor what he offers
3. A well-spring of eternal life (13,14)
 - If this is all you drink, you will soon be thirsty.
 - More than the world has to offer
 - Satisfying our deepest desires
 - Psalm 42:1,2; Isaiah 12:3; 55:1.2

II. Exposing the “Enemy” (16-18)

A. The power of sin

- An uncomfortable discussion

1. Denying satisfaction
 - Exposing her desires and solutions
 - Demonstrating: Her thirst still remains unfulfilled

2. Using a broken cistern
 - Jeremiah 2:13
 - It is impossible to fill
 3. Her downward spiral
 - A conscience unheeded
 - Desperation for fulfillment
- Example: Avianca Airlines crash - 1984

B. False worship

1. Mt. Gerizim or Jerusalem? (Deuteronomy 11:29; 27:12)
2. Worshipping what you do not know (22)
 - Salvation is from the Jews!

III. Escaping Samaria

A. Drinking Deeply of Living Water

1. If you knew! (10)
 - Jesus self-revelation
 - “Living water”, not a “fountain of youth” (14)
2. Recognition: You must be a prophet (19)
3. Revealing himself (25,26)
4. Seeking worshippers!!

NOTE: The real end or purpose in life is WORSHIP! We are all involved in worship; the question is just who or what is the object of our worship. The power, joy and strength of salvation – is in the WORSHIP of GOD!

B. Worship in Spirit and truth

1. The *hour* is coming – His hour of sacrifice is approaching
2. And has now come
 - The new tabernacle is in their midst – standing in front of her
3. Spirit and truth
 - True spiritual worship – not just outward form but inward communion
4. Seeking worshippers!
 - Not just believers or “confessors”

C. Drinking living water

1. Empty cisterns?
 - What your pursuing to fill your life?
 - What do you really worship?
2. Jesus’ endless supply
 - He poured out his life – to fill ours
3. Satisfaction guaranteed!
 - Learn the joy and power of worship
 - Drink deeply of the living water