

## THE MASTER AT JACOB'S WELL

John 4:1-26

### INTRODUCTION:

1. Some Of The Great Bible Scenes Took Place At Wells.
  - A. Hagar found a well in the desert.
  - B. Eleazar - Met Rebecca first at a well.
  - C. Jacob - Was to meet Rachel first at a well.
  - D. Moses - Was to meet his wife at a well.
  - E. David - Longed for a drink of water from the well at Bethlehem.

- (1) John 4:1-26: "Therefore, when the Lord knew that the Pharisees had heard that Jesus made and baptized more disciples than John (though Jesus Himself did not baptize, but His disciples), He left Judea and departed again to Galilee. But He needed to go through Samaria. So He came to a city of Samaria which is called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob gave to his son Joseph.

Now Jacob's well was there. Jesus therefore, being wearied from His journey, sat thus by the well. It was about the sixth hour. 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 had no dealings with Samaritans. 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.’ 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. God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.’

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 He.’”

I. OUR MASTER AT JACOB’S WELL WAS IN A PLACE STEEPED IN OLD TESTAMENT HISTORY.

A. Abraham had first settled here at Shechem. (Gen. 12:6)

B. Jacob later settled in Shechem. (Gen. 33:18-20)

C. Joseph was later buried at Shechem. (Joshua 24:32)

D. Mt. Ebal and Mt. Gerizim were there.

- I. Deut. 11:29: “And it shall be, when the Lord your God has brought you into the land which you go to possess, that you shall put the blessing on Mount Gerizim and the curse on Mount Ebal.

Josh. 8:30-35: “Now Joshua built an altar to the Lord God of Israel in Mount Ebal, and Moses the servant of the Lord had commanded the children of Israel, as it is written in the

Book of the Law of Moses: ‘an altar of whole stones over which no man has wielded any iron tool.’ And they offered on it burnt offerings to the Lord, and sacrificed peace offerings. And there, in the presence of the children of Israel, he wrote on the stones a copy of the law of Moses, which he had written. Then all Israel, with their elders and officers and judges, stood on either side of the ark before the priests, the Levites, who bore the ark of the covenant of the Lord, the stranger as well as he who was born among them. Half of them were in front of Mount Gerizim and half of them in front of Mount Ebal, as Moses the servant of the Lord had commanded before, that they should bless the people of Israel. And afterward he read all the words of the law, the blessings and the cursings, according to all that is written in the Book of the Law. There was not a word of all that Moses had commanded which Joshua did not read before all the congregation of Israel, with the women, the little ones, and the strangers who were living among them.”

2. Joshua Read The Law.

- a. Six tribes at foot of Mt. Ebal.
- b. Six tribes at foot of Mt. Gerizim.

(1) The people were to say Amen.

E. Jotham stood on Mt. Gerizim to tell the story of the trees.

- 1. The trees invited the bramble (thorn) bush to reign.

**II. JACOB’S WELL WAS IN THE CENTER OF THE HATED SAMARITANS.**

- A. The Samaritans were a mixture of Jews and Gentiles.
- B. They wanted to join in rebuilding the Temple and Walls of Jerusalem.
- C. They subscribed to the Torah - Built a Temple at Gerizim (420 B.C.).

- 1. At the base of Mount Gerizim was Jacob’s Well.

**III. OUR MASTER’S REQUEST FOR WATER FROM A SAMARITAN WOMAN BROKE CUSTOM.**

- A. The Master defied race prejudice - class status.

- B. It speaks of values - Earth's Water and Heavenly Treasures.
- C. It spoke to her of conscience:
  - 1. Go call thy husband.
- D. It shows the value Jesus placed upon just one person.
  - 1. A lowly degraded woman of a despised race.
    - a. To her He reveals Himself as The Messiah.

**CONCLUSION:**

- A. God is seeking the individual.
- B. You are important. No matter who or what you are.
- C. Jesus died for you - And He bids us come and drink of living water.