

human being, we can see that he is in need of water; tired and sitting near the well in the heat of the day. While we read that Jews and Samaritan do not share anything in common, Jesus certainly is sharing the very human need for a drink of water to refresh himself. How do you feel about this very human attribute of Jesus? What other ways do you think about Jesus' humanity? Did he ever sneeze? Get dirt under his finger nails? Did Jesus ever get sick with a cough or cold? Contemplate these ideas and write your thoughts here.

Thursday, September 4

Pastor Jack shared in the message that, "The woman continues to "wow" Jesus with her theological understanding and mentions that the Messiah is expected and that God's anointed will make all things clear and plain. What an experience for that woman! To share in a deep and meaningful conversation with Jesus, fully human and yet fully divine. If you had the opportunity to have a conversation with Jesus, what topics would you want to discuss? What questions would you ask Jesus? What would you want Jesus to say to you? Contemplate these ideas and write your response here.

Friday, September 5

Pastor Jack mentioned a concept that he has shared and deeply believes: Our faith is personal, but it is not private. We are meant to share our faith and witness to our relationship with God through Jesus the Christ. Each of us are beckoned by God to enter into a personal relationship with our loving Creator. But that relationship is not meant to be private; we are to share our faith and our witness to God's presence and love in our lives! What do you think? Write your ideas here and be blessed!

Message Notes August 31, 2025

Women of the Bible

*– The Samaritan Woman at the Well**

- I. The Samaritan Woman at the Well is certainly defined by the _____ in her life, or rather the _____ in her life.
 - A. This Samaritan Woman is a product of her _____ and I see her in _____ as she heads to the well of Jacob near her city of Sychar at midday.
 - B. Normally, the women of that area would go to the well early in the _____.
 - C. The woman we read about this morning seems to be avoiding the other women and their _____ stares and _____ heads.
 - D. The woman approaches the well with her eye _____ as a matter of _____.
- II. To say that the Jews and the Samaritans were not on friendly terms is an _____.
 - A. The _____ and division between the Jews and the Samaritans was _____ and _____.
 - B. Jesus is sitting at the well, _____ and _____ from the road.
 - C. Jesus is simply a person with a basic _____ need, and this woman has the ability to help him.
 - D. "Give me a _____," he says to the Samaritan woman.
 1. Jesus hasn't come into her life simply to _____ something that he _____.
 2. Jesus offers what she needs even before she _____ enough to ask for help.
 3. Jesus is _____ who he is to the Samaritan woman and they are engaged in this great theological _____.

*John 4:1-42

- III. Jesus and the woman _____ the husband/boyfriend issue and move on that deeper theological issue: the true _____ of _____.
- A. The woman continues to “_____” Jesus with her theological understanding.
 - B. She is the first _____ outside of the accepted Jewish traditions to tell others about Jesus.
 - C. Jesus stays at the Samaritan town of Sychar for _____.
- 1. The people of the town tell the woman from the well, “It is no longer because of what you said that we _____.
 - 2. I believe what we see here is a _____ that I have long _____ in and have often shared with you: Our faith is _____, but it is not _____.
- IV. Friends, we _____ have to _____ the question in some form, “He can’t really be the Messiah, can he?”
- A. The woman at the well represents the Samaritan as those _____ and _____ into God’s household because of their _____ and _____ in Jesus!
 - B. In embracing the woman, Jesus erases _____ of hostility and animosity towards the Samaritans!
 - C. We see Jesus crossing boundaries to draw people into his movement and into God’s range of _____, mercy, _____ and kinship.

Daily Devotional Guide

The following is a daily devotional and study guide meant to enhance your understanding of the message and grow as a Christian.

It is offered for your personal reflection or to share with others.

Monday, September 1

The message opened with some thoughts about the place of women in the culture and society that Jesus lived. Subservient and almost always connected to a man, women are not thought capable of engaging in deep meaningful conversations. The

position of women during Jesus’ time, the early church and even to this day are based on human traditions rather than Biblical ordinances. What are your thoughts about tradition verse Biblical guidance? Contemplate these concepts and write your reflection here.

Tuesday, September 2

Read John 4:1-42. This reading proceeds quickly. Think about the woman whom Jesus met at Jacob’s well. We’re told that she is not following the customs of her time, going to the well early in the morning (or in the evening) to avoid the heat of the day. Rather, she is going to the well during the warmest part of the day. Most scholars agree that the woman is avoiding the other women in her village and their judgmental stares. In truth, we don’t really know the circumstances of the woman’s life; we are simply aware of her pain and shame. So often religious people bring cast judgment upon others rather than view them through eyes of compassion and caring. The church is often accused of being “judgy” and hypocritical when it comes to viewing people with lifestyles different from its perceived norm. Consider the pain the woman who met Jesus at the well is feeling and consider the fact that she may not have much control over her situation. Write your thoughts about how the church act just the community in which the Samaritan woman lived. Write your reflections here.

Wednesday, September 3

Read again John 4:1-42. Today, let’s consider Jesus as we see him sitting near Jacob’s well. While it may be challenging, try to think of Jesus not as the divine Son of God but as a human being with very human needs such as hydration. Everybody is hydrating these days! It is common knowledge how important water is to our bodies and how critical it is to be hydrated so that our body functions optimally and we remain healthy. If we view Jesus as a