

**Problem:**

we are already full - Jer 2:4-13; (zech 9:11) but our jars are leaking

**Text:****The Gospel is God's Agenda**

John 4:1 ¶ Now when Jesus learned that the Pharisees had heard that Jesus was making and baptizing more disciples than John

John 4:2 (although Jesus himself did not baptize, but only his disciples),

John 4:3 he left Judea and departed again for Galilee. (last we hear of the baptizer- John is emphasizing faith not ritual)

John 4:4 And **he had to pass through Samaria.**

John 4:5 So he came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the field that Jacob had given to his son Joseph.

John 4:6 Jacob's well was there; so Jesus, wearied as he was from his journey, was sitting beside the well. It was about the sixth hour.

*why are 4-5 significant? Samaria was not a geographical necessity for Jesus- it was on the Divine agenda*

*(4) had = dei same word translated must in 3:7, 14, 30 - this trip was planned in the mind of God Jn 4:31-35 a model for evangelism*

*(4) Samaria - whats the point after Nicodemus? Luke 10:25-32 parallel theme - used samaritan to scandalize self righteous jews*

**For Whoever**

John 4:7 ¶ A woman from Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink."

John 4:8 (For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.)

John 4:9 The Samaritan woman said to him, "**How is it that you, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a woman of Samaria?" (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.)**

John 4:10 Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God (but you don't - if is a second class conditional if which means contrary to fact), and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water."

John 4:11 The woman said to him, "Sir, you have nothing to draw water with, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water?"

John 4:12 Are you greater than our father Jacob? He gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did his sons and his livestock."

John 4:13 Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again,

John 4:14 but **whoever** drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life."

John 4:15 The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, **so that I will not be thirsty** or have to come here to draw water."

*(9) 2 Kings 17:1-6, 24-41 - this is a people who are not worthy and everyone knows it - no boasting salvation is from the Lord*

*Jn 1:12-13 - not born of blood, will of flesh or will of man but of God*

*(14) whoever - john 3:15-16, 18, 21, 33, 36 - 1 Cor 1:18-31 - boast in the Lord- -whole convo initiated by Jesus -*

**Is Thirsty**

John 4:16 ¶ Jesus said to her, "**Go, call your husband**, and come here."

John 4:17 The woman answered him, "**I have no husband.**" Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband';

John 4:18 for you have had five husbands, and the one you now have is not your husband. What you have said is true."

John 4:19 The woman said to him, "**Sir, I perceive (I am perceiving- present) that you are a prophet.**

*He did not make light of her sin -He pointed it out after she asked for the living water - she needed to know her place in the story*

*just like nicodemus and the rich young ruler - Mark 2:15-17; Matt 5:6, 13 - make them thirsty*

*just what Jesus did 4:10 -> 1 Cor 2:1-16- the gospel not only quenches thirst it awakens it*

**Are you thirsty?**

John 4:20 Our fathers worshiped on this mountain (changing the subject), but you say that in Jerusalem is the place where people ought to worship."

John 4:21 Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father.

John 4:22 You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for **salvation is from the Jews.**

John 4:23 **But the hour** is coming, and **is now here**, when the **true worshipers** will worship the Father **in spirit and truth**, for the **Father is seeking such people to worship him.**

John 4:24 God is spirit, and **those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.**"

John 4:25 The woman said to him, "**I know that Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ). When he comes, he will tell us all things.**"

John 4:26 Jesus said to her, "**I who speak to you am (he).**"

*(20,25) who is legit? whoever is thirsty*

*(23) who is He seeking*

*(Isaiah 2:6-22) - God hates the proud -cant see past their mountain, temple, pedigree worship self righteously*

*Ik 18:9-14 - self righteous - opposite of spirit and truth*

*(23) spirit and truth - 1 Jn 1:5-10 humble repentance always*

*begins with thirst/need - Isaiah 55:1-2 -EVERYONE who thirsts -sees spiritual need can come (14)*

*rev 22:1,17 - John 7:37-39 - if anyone is thirsty- **such people***

*(26) come - ego eime- I myself and no one but me will satisfy your thirst- (exodus 3:13-14); (John 1:1-4, 14, 18)*

**Main Idea:**

Whoever is thirsty, come

**Implication/application: this passage is a model for evangelism - John 4:35**

(1-6) we can be motivated by His sovereignty

- accept it may not look like you think

(7-15) we can initiate a gospel witness with any person (whoever)

- you don't need to become muslim to share the gospel with muslims etc.

(16-19) we must remember that the good news is only good if you know you need it

- remember Barabbas

(20-25) we can't get sidetracked by religious debate with the lost

- speak truth but keep driving to the gospel for it is the power of God for salvation

(26) what you call them with is what you call them to

- remember He is the good news, not self improvement not your best life now

Discuss how to tangibly apply this message in your group

**articles for further study and discussion:**

Is Jesus' reference to Himself using ego eime really a legitimate claim to deity:

<http://vintage.aomin.org/EGO.html>

Even though the gospel crosses any barrier, do we need to go to sinful places to be heard?

<http://www.donotbesurprised.com/2014/07/stripping-down-barriers-of-evangelism.html>

How does God's sovereignty motivate us in evangelism, or better yet, how can a calvinist be motivated for evangelism?

<http://protestant-standard.blogspot.com/2014/04/calvinistic-motivation-for-evangelism.html>