



## **SERMON NOTES**

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Scripture: John 4:1-15 (NAS)

Topic: "The Water of Life"

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- 1 Therefore when the Lord knew that the Pharisees had heard that Jesus was making and baptizing more disciples than John
- 2 (although Jesus Himself was not baptizing, but His disciples were),
- 3 He left Judea and went away again into Galilee.
- 4 And He had to pass through Samaria.
- 5 So He \*came to a city of Samaria called Sychar, near the parcel of ground that Jacob gave to his son Joseph;
- 6 and Jacob's well was there. So Jesus, being wearied from His journey, was sitting thus by the well. It was about the sixth hour.
- 7 There \*came a woman of Samaria to draw water. Jesus \*said to her, "Give Me a drink."
- 8 For His disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.
- 9 Therefore the Samaritan woman \*said to Him, "How is it that You, being a Jew, ask me for a drink since I am a Samaritan woman?" (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.)
- 10 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."
- 11 She \*said to Him, "Sir, You have nothing to draw with and the well is deep; where then do You get that living water?"
- 12 "You are not greater than our father Jacob, are You, who gave us the well, and drank of it himself and his sons and his cattle?"
- 13 Jesus answered and said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will thirst again; but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him shall never thirst; but the water that I will give him will become in him a well of water springing up to eternal life."
- 15 The woman \*said to Him, "Sir, give me this water, so I will not be thirsty nor come all the way here to draw."

### **I. THE NATURE OF JESUS CHRIST**

- A. His Humanity Revealed
- B. His Divinity Revealed
- C. Other Witnesses Concerning Who Jesus Is

### **II. THE FIRST TESTIMONY GIVEN BY JESUS OF HIS NATURE**

- A. Not Given To A Leader Of The Jews
- B. Not Students Of The Word
- C. To A Woman Who Was A Samaritan vs. 26

### **III. THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE PERSONAGE TO WHOM HE REVEALED HIMSELF**

- A. It May Have Been A Rebuke Of The Apostasy Of The Jews
- B. But It Was Also A Declaration The Gospel Was Open To All Nations *Romans 10:9-12a; Galatians 3:28; Acts 10:34-35; Matthew 28:19*

### **IV. JESUS' APPROACH TO THE PROPAGATION OF THE GOSPEL**

#### **A. The Persons With Whom He Shared The Gospel**

1. Nicodemus *John 3*
2. Samaritan Woman *John 4*

#### **B. With The Samaritan Woman**

1. He doesn't permit her background to impede the gospel
  - a. She was a stranger
  - b. She was a Samaritan
  - c. She was an immoral woman

#### **C. Jesus Found A Common Point Of Reference**

1. The woman had come for water
2. Jesus asked for water

#### **D. Jesus Entered The Gospel Message Speaking Of The Gift**

### **APPLICATION: WE NEED TO BE SHARING THE GOSPEL**

1. It Is A Season Of Gift Giving
2. We Have The Opportunity To Speak About The Gift Of God