

A Well, A Woman & The Savior of the World

John 4:7-30 and 4:39-42

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- Jesus engages culture.
 - He doesn't avoid it, pretend it doesn't matter, or turn a blind eye to culture. He doesn't sensationalize, tokenize, or polarize cultures. Jesus exercises the perfect balance when engaging cultures.

How might
God want us to
see and
engage
culture?

- How can we be like Jesus, entering places where people don't look like us to offer living water?

If Jesus Took
Breaks, Then
so Can We.

- Even though
Jesus is resting,
God is working!

Jesus Breaks through 3 levels of prejudice when speaking to the Samaritan woman.

- Jesus is speaking to a woman (for a Jewish man to speak to a woman was unheard of)
- Jesus is speaking to a Samaritan (an oppressed minority)
- Jesus is speaking to a woman who has been divorced 5 times and now lives with her lover.

The gospel
transcends
culture

- The living water that Jesus offers Samaritans is the same living water that he offers to people of every nation, language, tribe, and tongue.

Worship in Spirit and in Truth.

- Worship is more than religion. Worship is a response to God from the heart.
- The “difference between religion and the gospel: religion describes humankind’s search for God; the gospel describes the way God reached down to humanity.”

Jesus knows it
all!

He said, "If you
only knew..."

- He exercised his divine attribute of omniscience.
- He knows our secrets and he still loves us
- She didn't realize she was having a conversation with God until...

What does
this say
about
Jesus?

- The Samaritan woman is the **first person** in the scriptures whom Jesus tells he is the Messiah. She recognizes him as the Messiah and he confirms it.

Jesus' gift changed the woman.

- She never drew her water. She was so excited that she ran back to town.
- She was feeling like the social outcast when she came to the well. When she left, she left behind her shame. She was more excited about telling them about Jesus than she was worried about what everyone thought.
- She had new life.
- Has Jesus changed you?

“We know this man really is the Savior of the world.”

John 4:42

- The people no longer believed in Jesus because of what the woman told them. Now they believed for themselves because of his words.
- How have Jesus words impacted what you believe?