



Bible Story #5

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Jesus left the region of Judea to return to Galilee. Now, He had to go through Samaria, where Jacob's well is located. Jesus, being tired from the journey, sat down by the well to rest. It was about noon, his disciples had gone into the nearby town of Sychar to buy some food and a Samaritan woman came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Will you give me a drink?"

The Samaritan woman said to Him, "You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan and a woman. How can you ask me for a drink?" (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans).

Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked Him and He would have given you Living Water."

"Sir," the woman said, "You have nothing to draw with and the well is deep. Where can you get this Living Water?"

Jesus answered, "Everyone who drinks water from this well will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give will never thirst again. Indeed, the water I give them will become within them a spring of water welling up to eternal life."

The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water so that I won't get thirsty anymore and have to keep coming here to draw water."

Jesus told her, "Go, call your husband and come back." "I have no husband," she replied.

Jesus said, "You are right when you say you have no husband. The fact is, you have had five husbands, and the man you are living with now is not your husband. What you have just said is quite true."

"Sir", the woman said "I perceive that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you Jews claim that the place where we must worship is in Jerusalem."

Jesus declared, "Believe me, woman, a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem.

For the time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. God is spirit, and His worshipers must worship in Spirit and in truth."

The woman said, "I know that Messiah" (called Christ) "is coming. When He comes, He will explain everything to us." Then Jesus declared, "I, who speak to you – I am He."

About that time, His disciples returned from the town from buying food and were surprised to find Jesus talking with a woman. But no one asked, "What do you want?" or "Why are you talking with her?"

Then, the woman left her water pot and went back to the town and said to the people, "Come, see a man who told me everything I ever did. Could this be Christ [the Messiah]?" The people came out of the town and made their way toward Jesus. Many of the Samaritans from that town believed in Him because of the woman's testimony.

So when the Samaritans came to Him, they begged Him to stay with them, and He stayed two days. And because of His words many more became believers.

The people said to the woman, "We no longer believe just because of your testimony; now we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this man really is the Savior of the world."

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