

In John 4:1–26, Jesus travels through Samaria and stops at Jacob's well, where He meets a Samaritan woman. Despite cultural and social boundaries, He engages her in conversation, asking for a drink. This surprises her, as Jews typically avoided Samaritans. Jesus offers her "living water," symbolizing eternal life through the Spirit. As their conversation deepens, He reveals His knowledge of her past, including her multiple marriages, astonishing her. She perceives Him as a prophet and raises a theological debate about the proper place of worship. Jesus explains that true worship is not about location but about worshipping the Father in spirit and truth. Ultimately, He reveals to her that He is the Messiah. This moment marks a profound spiritual turning point for the woman, but also for the town.

When have you been so encouraged by an encounter with Jesus, that you had to tell someone else about it?

Read John 4:27-43

1. What is the reaction of the disciples when they return and find Jesus speaking with the Samaritan woman (v. 27)?
2. Why were the disciples surprised to see Jesus talking with a woman - and a Samaritan woman in particular?
3. How does the woman respond after her encounter with Jesus (v. 28–29)?
4. What does the woman's immediate action of leaving her water jar suggest about her priorities after encountering Jesus?
6. What does Jesus mean when He says, "I have food to eat that you know nothing about" (v. 32)?
7. What is the significance of Jesus' statement about the fields being "ripe for harvest" (v. 35)?
8. What "fields" in your life might be "ripe for harvest"?
9. What role do the Samaritan townspeople play in the story after the woman shares her testimony (v. 39–42)?
10. In what ways can you relate to the woman's enthusiasm to share her encounter with Jesus?
11. Who in your life might benefit from hearing your personal testimony of faith?
12. Why is the progression from believing "because of the woman's testimony" to "because we have heard for ourselves" (v. 42) important?
13. Were the Samaritans who responded to Jesus Christians?
14. How can you become more aware of and involved in the spiritual needs around you?

Prayer Points

Pray for Lizzie P and Delmi N as they prepare to get baptised on 6th July at Ashburnham.

Pray for the recruitment of a physiotherapist, oncology specialist, general surgeon and ultrasound and X-ray technicians to serve at Guinebor II Hospital in Chad.

Sermon Notes



BIBLE STUDY

June 22nd 2025

A town turns to Christ:

John 4:27-42

John 1–7 presents key themes that reveal Jesus' identity and mission. Jesus is the eternal Word of God, bringing light and life to a dark world. He calls people to believe in Him for eternal life, but many reject Him despite His miracles and teachings. A central theme is new birth—spiritual transformation through the Holy Spirit. Jesus offers living water and calls Himself the Bread of Life, showing He alone satisfies the soul. These chapters also highlight growing conflict and division, as people respond to Him with belief, confusion, or hostility. Through signs and deep conversations, Jesus reveals His divine nature and the offer of salvation to all, regardless of background or status.

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