

# The Samaritan woman at the well

John 4:5-42



Jesus came to a town, which was close to Jacob's well. Tired out by the journey, he sat down by the well.

His disciples had gone into town to buy food.  
It was about noon.

A Samaritan woman came to draw some water.  
Jesus said to her, “Give me a drink of water.”

The woman answered, “You are a Jew, and I am a Samaritan. How can you ask me for a drink?” (Jews do not use the same cups and bowls that Samaritans use.)

Jesus answered, “If you knew what God wanted to give you, and if you knew who I am, you would have asked me for a drink. Then I would have given you life-giving water.”

The woman said, “Sir, you do not have a bucket, and the well is deep. Where would you get that life-giving water? It was our ancestor Jacob who gave us this well. Are you claiming to be greater than Jacob?”

Jesus answered, “All those who drink this water will be thirsty again. But whoever drinks 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 which will provide him with life-giving water. This water will give him eternal life.”

The woman said, “Sir, give me that water! Then I will never be thirsty again. I will not have to come here to draw water, either.”

Jesus said, “Go and call your husband and come back.”

“I don’t have a husband,” she answered.

Jesus replied, “You are right when you say you haven’t got a husband. You have been married to five men. Also, the man you live with now is not really your husband. You have told me the truth.”

The woman said, “I see you are a prophet, sir.”

She continued, “I know the Messiah will come. When he comes, he will tell us everything.”

Jesus answered, “I am the Messiah.”

At that moment Jesus’ disciples returned. They were greatly surprised to find him talking with a woman. But none of them said to her, “What do you want?” or asked him, “Why are you talking with her?”

The woman went back to the town. She said to the people there, “Come and see the man who told me everything I have ever done. Could he be the Messiah?” So, they left the town and went to Jesus.

Many of the Samaritans in that town believed in Jesus because of what the woman had told them. When the Samaritans came to him, they begged him to stay with them. Jesus stayed there two days.

Many more believed because of his message.

They said to the woman, “We believe now. This is not because of what you said, but because we ourselves have heard him. We know that he really is the Saviour of the world.”

# Four questions for Bible Studies



1. What has touched you in the Bible story you have read?



2. What do you not understand well? Discuss amongst yourselves what the story means.



3. What have you learnt about God from this passage?



4. How are you going to put what you have learnt into practice?