

## A THIRSTY SOUL

John 4:1-42

Learn: God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth. John 4:24

We all get thirsty and long for fresh cool water to drink. That is physical thirst. Without the water to quench our thirst a person will die. WATER IS NEEDED FOR LIFE FOR PHYSICAL LIFE.

Each person is not just a physical being, but each person is also a spiritual being. The spiritual being is what uses the body to go, and to do, and to think, and to relate to other people. It is the soul/spirit that lives inside the body that is the actual person- the personality. That spirit also needs a water to live, but of course, material water can't quench the thirst of a spiritual being. A SPIRITUAL BEING NEEDS SPIRITUAL WATER TO LIVE. Jesus called that spiritual water LIVING WATER.

As Jesus leaves the area where the baptizing takes place, he travels on to Samaria. There he has a planned meeting with a very thirsty lady.

Samaria was part of Israel, but the people living there were mixed of nationality, part Jewish and part Gentile. Therefore, the people of Samaria were not accepted by the Jewish people. In fact, they were despised and ignored, even hated. The people of Samaria had a false worship, not following God's law as given in the books of Moses. They had mixed a little truth with a lot of error. They did not know God.

Jesus and his disciples came to a city of Samaria called Sychar. It was near a parcel of land that Jacob bought and give to his son Joseph. Even today, that land still rightfully belongs to the people of Israel, bought by their ancestor Jacob and given to them by God.

Upon arriving, Jesus, being tired from the trip, sat down by the well that Jacob dug(still in use after hundreds of years) to rest, and his disciples left for the town to buy food.

While Jesus sat there, a woman from the town came to get water. Jesus asked her for a drink.

The woman was surprised that Jesus, being a Jew, would ask her for water. "Because," she said, "the Jews have no dealings with the Samaritans."

Jesus answered the woman, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that asked you for a drink, you would have asked him for water, and he would give you living water."

The woman couldn't understand how Jesus could give her water, because the well was deep and he had nothing with which to draw water out of the well.

Jesus told the woman, "Whoever drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water that I give him will never thirst again. That water will be a well of water in him springing up into everlasting life."

The woman thought Jesus was talking about physical water. She wanted physical water so that she would never have to come to the well again to get water.

Jesus told the woman to go and get her husband. Then she told Jesus that she had no husband.

## Two Seeders - A Thirsty Soul

1. Tear small pieces of different greens construction paper to make leaves for tree. - glue on <sup>apple</sup> <sub>core</sub>
2. Tear brown strips to make tree trunk. - glue on
3. Tear stone colors to make well bricks - glue on - shade stones
4. Cut out or tear a clay pot. - glue on - shape pot - cut around arm of woman and fit pot before glue
5. Color picture.



