

The Gospel of John

John 4:1-42

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Our Gospel Writer's Purpose

"These are written so that you may continue ["come"] to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing in him you will have life by the power of his name." ~John 20:31, NLT

To help anyone and everyone to

1. **COME** to faith
2. **GROW** in faith

General Observations about John 4:1-42

- Notice the length & detail of this story
- Notice the central character of this story and where her story comes in John's Gospel
- Notice what John reveals about the character of Jesus
 - Jesus' divinity and his humanity
 - Jesus' approachability
 - Jesus as the breaker down of barriers
- Notice Jesus' use of earthly metaphors to talk about spiritual realities
- Notice John's emphasis on Jesus' titles
 - "Jesus" (v. 6), "Jew" (v. 9), "Sir" (v. 11, 15, 19), "Prophet" (v. 19) "Messiah" (25), "Christ" (v. 25, 29), "I am" (v. 26), "Rabbi" (v. 31), "Savior of the World" (v. 42)

The Universality of the Gospel (Vv. 1-9)

- God always makes space for _____
- God always takes the _____
- God always reveals his love for the world in _____
 - "Don't just listen to God's word. You must do what it says."*
~James 1:22, NLT

Living Water (Vv. 10-14)

- Jesus is talking about something _____ not physical
- It is a _____ that cannot be earned
- In the human heart there is a _____ for something that only Jesus Christ can satisfy
- Once _____ it wells up ("bubbling spring") from within and springs up to eternal life

Facing the Truth (Vv. 15-26)

- In Christ we see _____ for who we really are
- Through grace, God meets us _____ we are
- We don't have to go looking for God – He is _____
- Worship is how we _____ in response to God's grace

Sharing the Wonder (Vv. 27-42)

- When we find grace, we _____ grace
- When we love like Jesus, we will encounter _____
 - "God does not show favoritism." ~Romans 2:11, NLT*
- The "work" of _____ the Gospel is all around us
- As Savior of the World, Jesus
 - _____ our sin
 - _____ us from our sin
 - _____ us for New Life

Application

The Good News of the Gospel is Good News for YOU!

What kind of "water" are you drinking?

What kind of "water" are you sharing?