

Getting Ready for Sunday!



Third Sunday of Lent

John 4:5-42



Jesus Meets the Samaritan Woman at the Well.

Jesus meets the woman at the well at Sychar. It was at this well that Jacob drew water many centuries before this.

The woman doesn't expect this man, unknown to her, to speak to her. However, Jesus never loses an opportunity to speak to anyone.

She has not lived her life well according to Jewish law, but Jesus has no concern about this. Jesus is present for all of us regardless of what we have done in our past. Jesus offers us His love so that we have the courage to grow and change as we try to become our best selves.

The woman chose to follow the way of Jesus no matter what it cost her. She knew that what is of God lasts forever, not like the things and food that we use each day.

If you are open to seeing God in ordinary places, people and experiences you will find Him – or He will find you!

So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her:

Give me a drink.



(His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.)

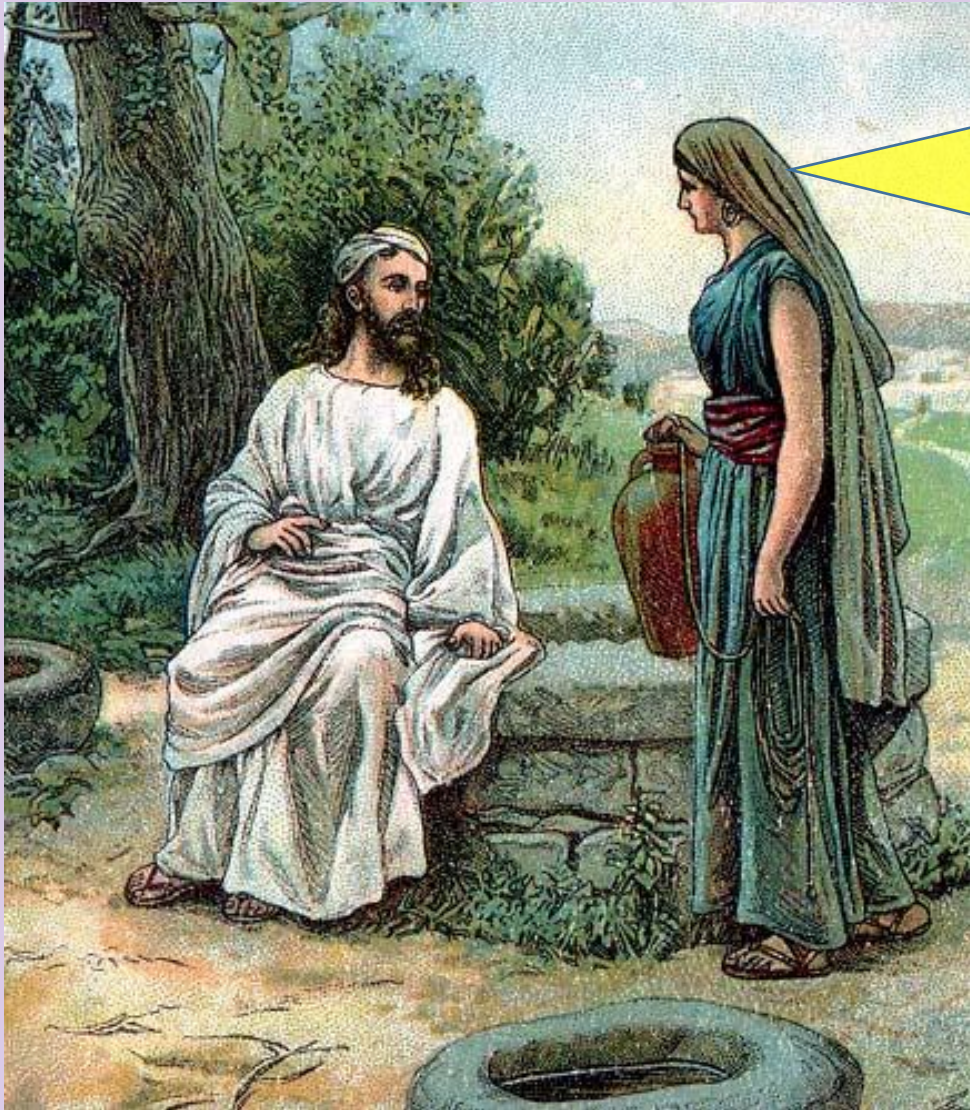
**Jesus gives time to all!
It doesn't matter what
anyone has done or
who they are: Jesus is
there with and for each
person.**

**How is it that you, a
Jew, ask a drink of
me, a woman of
Samaria?**

***If you knew the gift of God,
and who it is that is saying
to you, "Give me a drink",
you would have asked him,
and he would have given
you living water.***



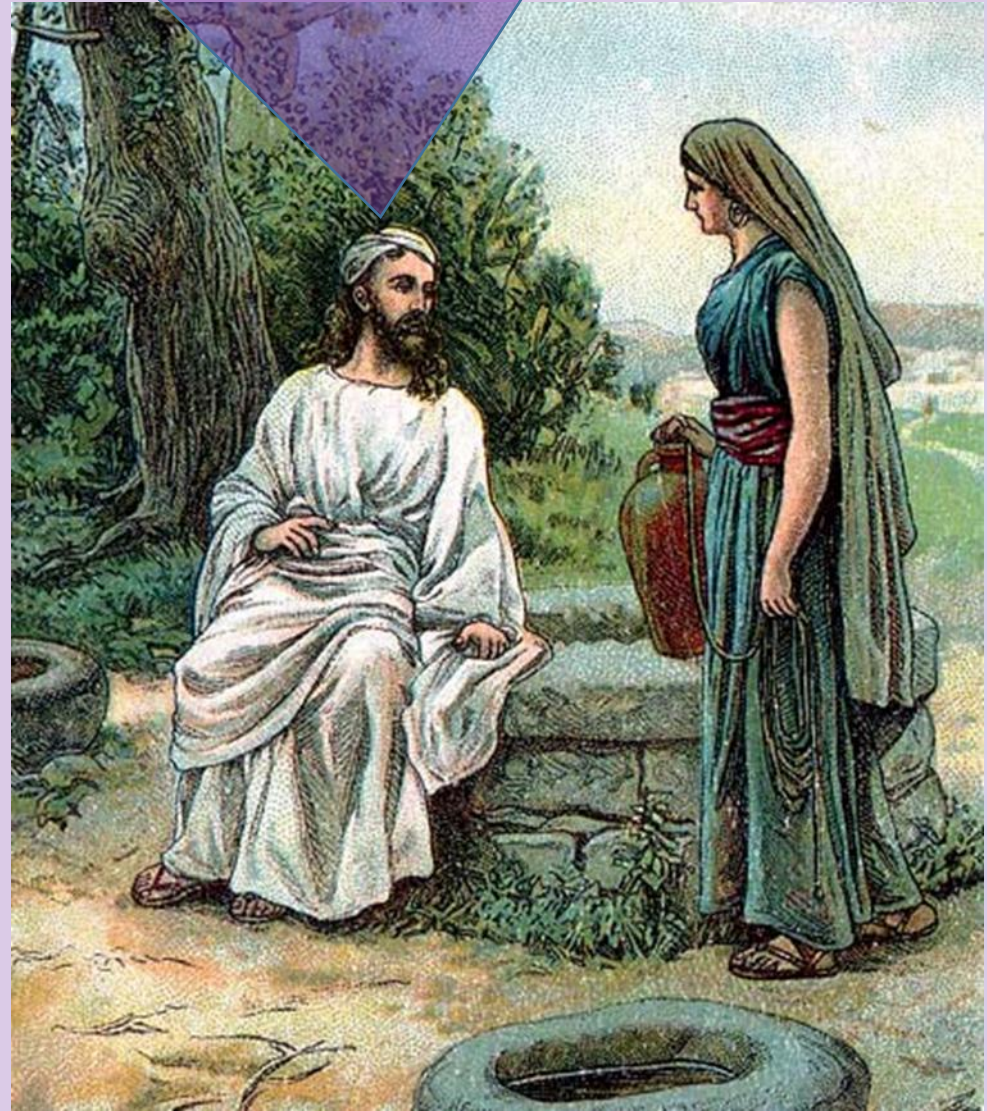
**Jews do not
share things in
common with
Samaritans.**



Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?

Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.

**Everything in the world,
including water, runs out!
God's love and power
lasts for all time.
God cares for us at all
times and in all places.**



God knows everything that is in our hearts and minds! Nothing is hidden from God. He loves us at all times. God never abandons us!

Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.

Go, call your husband, and you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!



Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshipped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.



Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews.

But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.



I know that Messiah is coming. When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.



I am he, the one who is speaking to you.

The woman met Jesus in a very ordinary place and she believed it was God!

We meet Jesus in everyone we meet!

Where have you seen Jesus today?

Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, ‘What do you want?’ or, ‘Why are you speaking with her?’ Then the woman left her water-jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, ‘Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?’

This woman was a person that Jews normally would not speak with!

The disciples were not surprised that Jesus was talking to her, because they knew that He gave Himself to all people no matter where they were from or who they are.



They left the city and were on their way to him. Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, 'Rabbi, eat something.' But he said to them, 'I have food to eat that you do not have. My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do you not say,



“Four months more, then comes the harvest”? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, “One sows and another reaps.”

I sent you to reap that for which you did not labour. Others have laboured, and you have entered into their labour.’



Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, 'He told me everything I have ever done.' So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there for two days. And many more believed because of his word.

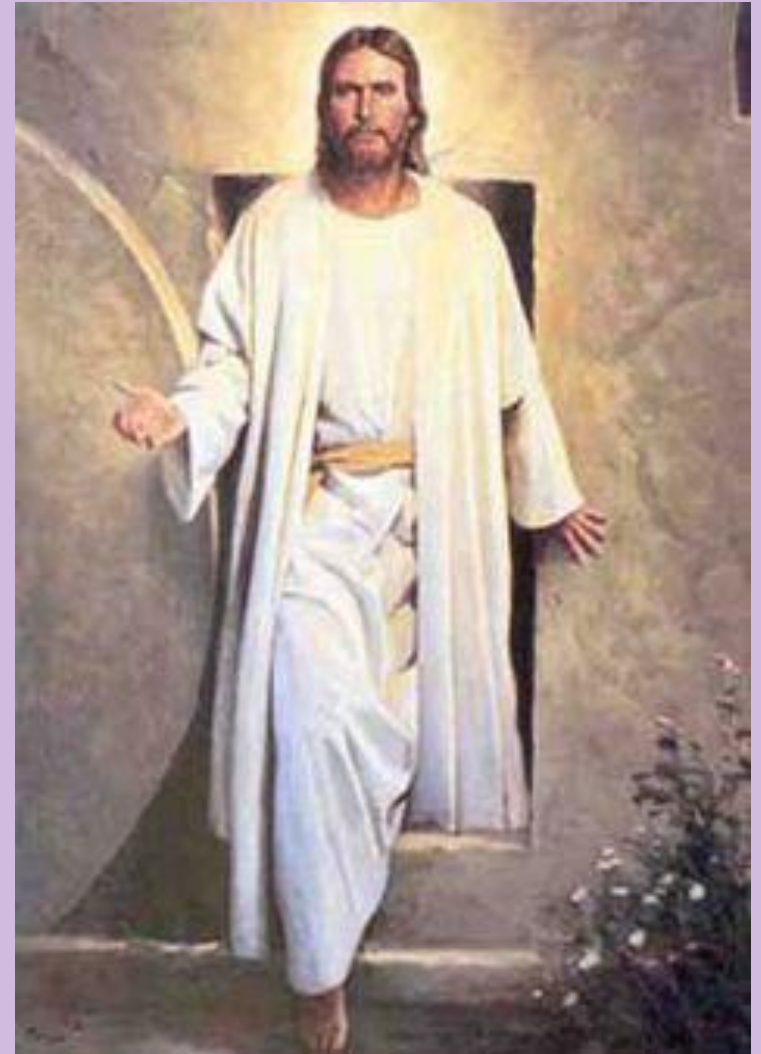
The woman told her friends all that she knew of Jesus and they also chose to follow Him!

How well do you know Jesus?



They said to the woman, 'It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Saviour of the world.'

**Do you know Jesus, the Person of God,
who lives in your heart?
Can you feel His presence within you?
Are you aware of God with you right
now?**



Bible Search

Read **John 4:5-42**

in your family Bible-this is
the Gospel reading at Mass this Sunday.



Consider



Where is God showing Himself to you today?



Pray for the grace to be open to seeing God in ordinary places this week.

