

the woman at the well

face to face | week one

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Introduction to Face to Face Series

- Easter is coming, so we are looking at how Jesus interacted with individuals
- God is vast, but also intimate
- Why these stories
 - Different types of people and God's view of them
 - How to deal with them as Jesus desires

John 21:25 (NIV)

The Samaritan Woman

John 4:1-45 (NIV)

Questions from this story to ask and answer

1st | What kind of woman is she?

1. Sinful even from the Samaritan perspective
2. Didn't know the truth
3. Alone in a village with multiple husbands
4. Thirsty and empty

2nd | How did Jesus see her?

- He went through Samaria – the long way to where He was going
- He knew her, even while she was far away
- She was missing truth

Psalms 139:17-18 (NIV) | Matthew 10:29-31

3rd | Jesus offered an understanding of the true God

Jesus is saying:

- God is not material
- God is not confined to place
- God is not limited to a temple (Jerusalem or Gerizim)
- I am the Messiah who comes to tell you the truth about what God wants

John 4:24 (NIV)

What God wants is truth, but more than intellectual accent and ceremony

A. Spirit

- Spirit means not just ritual and ceremony, God is Spirit, and we must worship with our Spirit
- The Holy Spirit aspect | because we have the truth (Jesus), we have the Holy Spirit who intercedes for us

B. Truth | Affirming that there is a true God as described in the Old Testament and the later New Testament

John 14:6 (NIV)

4th | Jesus gives salvation, a new identity, the Holy Spirit, and a mission

- God knew her and did not reject her
- Jesus didn't expose her to condemn her, but rather to heal her
- There is truth, she heard the truth about Jesus first
- Living Water – The Holy Spirit
- Purpose – she became the first missionary to Samaria

Romans 8:26–27

5th | Jesus did all of this in front of the Apostles

- To the disciples – food from heaven is to do God's will – man does not live by bread alone
- Our vision and mission together
- We know Jesus comes after us
- We go after the lost
- We know their sin (we are like her, we have sin and Savior)
- We see struggle as a white harvest rather than something to be avoided

What makes this story so important?

What happened on Easter Sunday makes this an important story.

