**The Gospel of John:**

**Jesus—Living Water**

*John 4:1-15*

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**Context**

Although a very familiar and easily understood story in the life of the church, the “woman at the well” narrative in not only instructive on how to evangelize an unbeliever who isn’t looking for salvation, but more importantly instructive on Jesus’ self-revelation of who He is as the Messiah (v. 26). Although John (the Apostle) gave his testimony as well as John the Baptist and Jesus’ disciples testimony that Jesus is the Christ, here you have Jesus Himself identifying Himself to an “unlikely” candidate. Both points are very meaningful when we see them in their original context.

1. **Setting the scene**

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2. Jesus enters her world, v7
   1. He initiates the conversation
   2. She had a troubled past
   3. Jews did not speak to Samaritans
   4. Men largely did not speak to women in public
3. Jesus offers her unsolicited mercy, v10
   1. living water
   2. salvation—mercy, grace, pardon, forgiveness, justification, in a never ending supply

**Jeremiah 2:13**—*For My people have committed two evils: They have forsaken Me, The fountain of living waters, To hew for themselves cisterns, Broken cisterns That can hold no water.*

**Jeremiah 17:13**—*O Lord, the hope of Israel, All who forsake You will be put to shame. Those who turn away on earth will be written down, Because they have forsaken the fountain of living water, even the Lord.*

***Isaiah 12:3****—Therefore you will joyously draw water  
From the springs of salvation*.

**Isaiah 55:1**—*Ho! Every one who thirsts, come to the waters; And you who have no money come, buy and eat. Come, buy wine and milk Without money and without cost.*

**John 6:35**—*Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life; he who comes to Me will not hunger, and he who believes in Me will never thirst.*

***John 7:37****—Now on the last day, the great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, “If anyone is thirsty, let him come to Me and drink. “*

1. Jesus offers her the gospel—HIMSELF!