

# Jesus is the Living Water

SERMON #6      JOHN CHAPTER 4

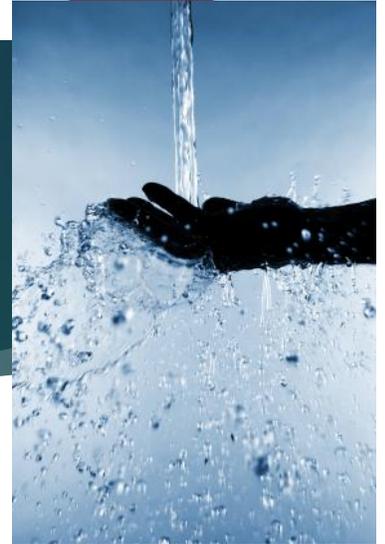
# The Settings...



- ▶ The well was a famous **spring** (v.5-6) just south of Askar today, located in Samaria between Galilee and Jerusalem
- ▶ The 6th hour is **noon**, not the usual time of drawing water
- ▶ She might be **avoiding** other women, since her domestic life was strange even for Roman standard (5 husbands)
- ▶ She could only avoid the real problem for so long, thankfully on that day Jesus has found her. What are you avoiding? And what are you seeking?



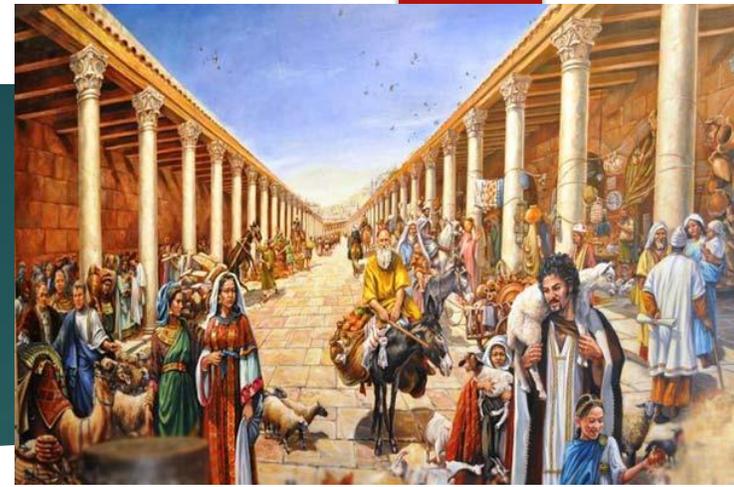
# Our Savior Came to Her



- ▶ In those days Jews did not have much **dealings** with Samaritans
- ▶ That did not stop Jesus from **talking to her** (no need to ask)
- ▶ (John 2:23-25) Jesus talked to each person according to what's in their **heart**, therefore he asked her for a drink to begin the conversation about the true thirst of her soul
- ▶ Moreover, Jesus pointed out the real problem that she was avoiding to face (i.e. 5 husbands)
- ▶ She came to draw water to **quench her thirst**, thinking that was what she needed. What she truly needed was the living water



# Many False Paths for Hope



- ▶ Is your soul thirsty? Missing hope in a dry land (Psalm 42:1-3)
- ▶ (4:13) and it seems there are many **temporary** solutions
- ▶ (John 2) many thought **pleasure** and fame is the solution, end up turning the house of God to a den of thieves...
- ▶ (John 3) Other thought a **better version of themselves** can quench their thirst, that did not work for them either...
- ▶ (John 4) Now the Samaritan woman showed us another well-traveled path—**another person** as our savior.

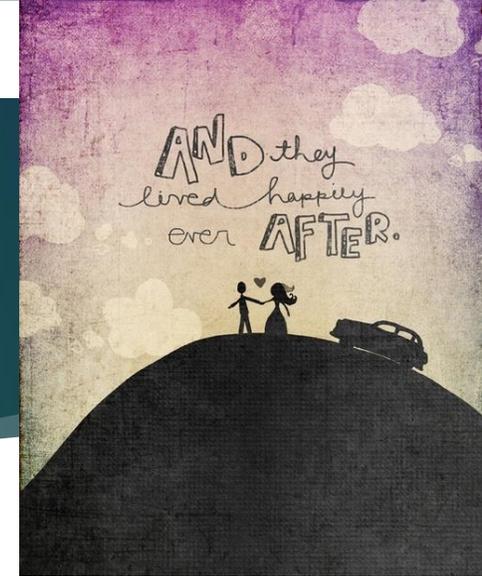


- ▶ There are many forms of human worship (not just Fascism)
- ▶ Do you also once share the same **dream** as this woman? To seek the one person that can forever solve the emptiness of your heart?
- ▶ Many are selling that dream, to sell a **belief** that *happily ever after* is possible and worth pursuing (and very good at it)

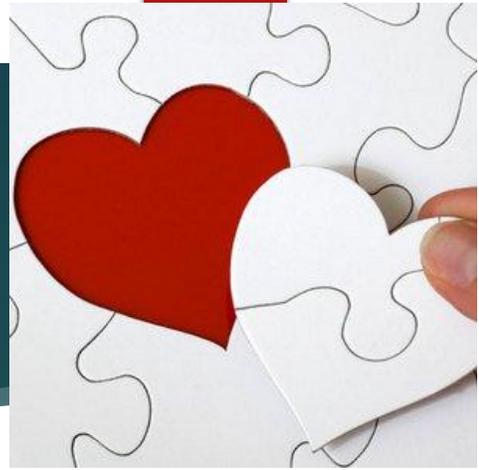


# Her Deepest Longing...

- ▶ What was she **looking for** in her husbands? Provision? Station? Romance? We don't know, may be all of the above
- ▶ Ultimately she was looking for a **hope** that can quench the thirst of her heart—a savior
- ▶ It did not work for her (v.6) and it will not work for you either
- ▶ Sadly to say our culture has bought into this lie more than any time in all recorded history (i.e. books and songs)

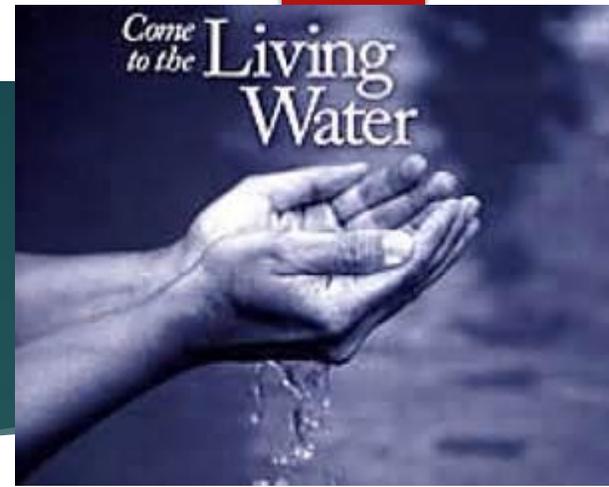


# Why Romance cannot be our Savior



- ▶ We are looking for **a soulmate**—perfect fit with total compatibility
- ▶ Instead of commitment and service, we focus of **expectation** and **self-actualization**—what's in it for me?
- ▶ Even worse...we are seeking to find **hope, security, joy**, even the **meaning of life** in our romantic partner, ultimately finding him (or her) was falling short...
- ▶ Instead of **pursuing** to be a better spouse, we aimed to marry the “perfect” match but soon discovered the **honeymoon** was over.

# Jesus Gives Life Overflowing



- ▶ Only the person that **is life** can **give life overflowing**
- ▶ **Living water** is a symbol of eternal life in the Gospel of John (6:35, 7:37-39)
- ▶ God is the “fountain of living water” (Jer. 2:13; Psalm 36:8-9) “welling up” (v.14, see John 10:10)
- ▶ Only **God’s character** is perfect and unchanging, that is the true source of this spring of life



# How can We Have Living Water



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- ▶ First, it is a **gift** (v.10, 14) and the only way to have a gift is to **receive** it. (Eph. 2:8-9) Will you?
- ▶ Note: There can only be one savior and one spring of living water
- ▶ Second, we must **grow** in our **knowledge** of Jesus (v.10)
- ▶ Do you **know** our Lord Jesus? The more you know Him, the more you will **appreciate** Him, and the more you will **trust & love** Him
- ▶ How was your old “savior” working for you? The woman had a **choice** to make, so do you today. What will be your answer?