

Notes on Last Week's Message

John 4 - Jesus makes it easy to be saved.

The Lord does three things that paves the way for a lost woman to come home to the Father:

(1) He accepts and approves of her.

4:4-9 *"Jesus had to go through Samaria ... Jacob's well was there; and Jesus, tired from the long walk, sat wearily beside the well about noontime. Soon a Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Please give me a drink." ... The woman was surprised. "You are a Jew, and I am a Samaritan woman. Why are you asking me for a drink?"*

- Why did Jesus ask for a drink of water?

He did because he was tired, hot, and thirsty.

- Why did He ignore conventions and ask for a drink from a person who was basically unclean? She was a Samaritan. She was a woman and she was an open sinner.

He did because he came to seek and save the lost sinner. He wanted to give her approval and acceptance in order to make her feel safe enough with him that she would accept him as her savior and lord. *"For the Son did not come to judge the world, but to save it."* John 3:17

(2) He offers her the gift of spiritual life, a life that would quench the longings of the human soul. 5:10-15 *"If you only knew the gift God has for you and who I am, you would ask me and I would give you living water. People soon become thirsty again after drinking this water. But the water I give them takes away thirst altogether. It becomes a perpetual spring within them, giving them eternal life."*

(3) He enables her to get free of that which was filling the God-space in her. Every person has something they use to make their life bearable and happy for a time (an addiction). We perhaps would call this a sexual addiction. She needed different man in her life. *"Go and get your husband," Jesus told her. "I don't have a husband," the woman replied. Jesus said, "You're right! You don't have a husband—for you have had five husbands and you aren't even married to the man you are living with now."*

It appears that she came into a saving relationship with her God and Savior. She goes to the village and says, *"Come and meet a man who told me all I ever did*

(and still liked me)! V29 The Samaritans could see that something transforming had happened to her. So they came and met Jesus and said...

"He is indeed the Savior of the world." V42