



Women of the Bible

The Samaritan Woman

Lesson 12

Once again this week we will find ourselves studying an “unnamed” woman in Scripture. We are only given her nationality. She was a Samaritan, who were a despised people by the Jews. In fact, no Jew would even go near to these outcasts of society. Well, no Jew except Jesus. One day He went out of His way to meet her at the well in Sychar. Let’s just say Jesus scheduled a divine appointment with her. Not only was she a Samaritan but she was also an outcast due to her questionable and loose lifestyle, but Jesus was not turned away because of her sin. Instead, He made a deliberate choice to meet up with her and to offer her forgiveness and a brand new life. One of the most amazing things we can glean from this story is about our Savior who is willing to interact with anyone. Jesus loves unconditionally and reaches out to all. Like the Samaritan woman, all we have to do is reach back and our thirst will forever be quenched!

Open your Bible and begin with a word of prayer

This Week’s Scripture: John 4:5-30(NLT)

⁵Eventually he (Jesus) came to the Samaritan village of Sychar, near the field that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. ⁶Jacob’s well was there; and Jesus, tired from the long walk, sat wearily beside the well about noontime. ⁷Soon a Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, “Please give me a drink.” ⁸He was alone at the time because his disciples had gone into the village to buy some food. ⁹The woman was surprised, for Jews refuse to have anything to do with Samaritans. She said to Jesus, “You are a Jew, and I am a Samaritan woman. Why are you asking me for a drink?” ¹⁰Jesus replied, “If you only knew the gift God has for you and who you are speaking to, you would ask me, and I would give you living water.” ¹¹“But sir, you don’t have a rope or a bucket,” she said, “and this well is very deep. Where would you get this living water? ¹²And besides, do you think you’re greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us this well? How can you offer better water than he and his sons and his animals enjoyed?” ¹³Jesus

replied, “Anyone who drinks this water will soon become thirsty again. ¹⁴But those who drink the water I give will never be thirsty again. It becomes a fresh, bubbling spring within them, giving them eternal life.” ¹⁵“Please, sir,” the woman said, “give me this water! Then I’ll never be thirsty again, and I won’t have to come here to get water.” ¹⁶“Go and get your husband,” Jesus told her. ¹⁷“I don’t have a husband,” the woman replied. Jesus said, “You’re right! You don’t have a husband—¹⁸for you have had five husbands, and you aren’t even married to the man you’re living with now. You certainly spoke the truth!” ²⁰So tell me, why is it that you Jews insist that Jerusalem is the only place of worship, while we Samaritans claim it is here at Mount Gerizim, where our ancestors worshiped?” ²¹Jesus replied, “Believe me, dear woman, the time is coming when it will no longer matter whether you worship the Father on this mountain or in Jerusalem. ²²You Samaritans know very little about the one you worship, while we Jews know all about him, for salvation comes through the Jews. ²³But the time is coming—indeed it’s here now—when true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth. The Father is looking for those who will worship him that way. ²⁴For God is Spirit, so those who worship him must worship in spirit and in truth.” ²⁵The woman said, “I know the Messiah is coming—the one who is called Christ. When he comes, he will explain everything to us.” ²⁶Then Jesus told her, “I AM the Messiah!” ²⁷Just then his disciples came back. They were shocked to find him talking to a woman, but none of them had the nerve to ask, “What do you want with her?” or “Why are you talking to her?” ²⁸The woman left her water jar beside the well and ran back to the village, telling everyone, ²⁹“Come and see a man who told me everything I ever did! Could he possibly be the Messiah?” ³⁰So the people came streaming from the village to see him.

This Week’s Memory Verse:

“Anyone who drinks this water will soon become thirsty again. But those who drink the water I give will never be thirsty again. It becomes a fresh, bubbling spring within them, giving them eternal life.”

John 4:13-14(NLT)

1. One of the most interesting things about this story is that Jesus, a Jew, was talking to a Samaritan woman. Samaritans were a people of reproach to the Jews but Jesus didn’t care. What does Galatians 3:28 tell us about God’s kingdom? _____

2. This scripture tells us a lot of Jesus’ love for sinners of all shapes and sizes. What additional insight do the following verses give us regarding this love?
 - a. John 3:17: _____

 - b. Romans 5:8: _____

 - c. Romans 6:23: _____

3. Which of the verses above ministers to you the most and why? _____

Reflect and Respond – This story speaks volumes of Jesus’ attitude toward sinners. Jesus knew that the Samaritan woman was a “known” sinner and yet He took the time to speak to her. Romans 3:23 says; “For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God’s glorious standard.”(NLT) If then, Jesus can minister to even the worst of sinners, what should my attitude be when interacting with those less desirable in society? _____

Result – Consider today’s bible study lecture. What one lesson will you take away from this study and apply to your walk with the Lord? _____
