

Stories Worth Sharing #4

We are THIRSTY people.

What do you drink to quench your thirst?

What do you drink to quench your internal thirst?

What is best?

[John 4:3–6](#) (CSB)

Jesus' plan is to help us see our internal thirst in order to seek the only water that satisfies.

Need → seek water = quench thirst

[John 4:7–15](#) (CSB)

Jesus' plan was to help an impure/ignorant/lost person see her interior thirst in order to ...

¹⁰ Jesus answered, “If you knew the **gift of God**, and **who** is saying to you, ‘Give me a drink,’ you would ask him, and he would give you **living water**.”

... in order to ask & receive water that only God can give.

¹¹ “Sir,” said the woman, “you don’t even have a bucket, and the well is deep. So **where** do you get this ‘**living water**’? ¹² You aren’t greater than our father **Jacob**, are you? He gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did his sons and livestock.”

We may still misunderstand who Jesus is and the water only He gives: teacher & fresh water

¹³ Jesus said, “Everyone who drinks from **this water** will get **thirsty again**. ¹⁴ But whoever drinks from the **water that I will give** him will **never get thirsty again**. In fact, the water **I will give** him will **become a well of water springing up in him** for eternal life.” ¹⁵ “Sir,” the woman said to him, “**give me this water so that I** won’t get thirsty and come **here** to draw water.”

Jesus teaches us the superiority of His water and we may want it, but we may think it is common water: comfort, possessions, fame.

What is this living water? & How do we receive it?

[John 4:16–26](#) (CSB)

1) Recognize your sin and the fact that people (idols?) can not quench your internal thirst!

What is your sin?

What water are you drinking? (Idols)

¹⁹ “Sir,” the woman replied, “I see that **you are a prophet**. ²⁰ **Our ancestors** worshiped on *this mountain*, but you **Jews** say that the *place to worship* is in

Jerusalem.”²¹ Jesus told her, “**Believe me**, woman, an hour is coming when you will worship the Father *neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem*.²² You **Samaritans** worship what you do not know. **We** worship what we do know, because salvation is from the Jews.²³ But **an hour** is coming, and is now **here**, when the true worshipers *will worship the Father in Spirit and in truth*. Yes, the Father wants such people to worship him.²⁴ **God is spirit**, and those who worship him must worship **in Spirit and in truth**.”

2) Do not learn theology just to chat it, but to believe it and live it.

[John 7:38–39](#) (CSB)

The one who **believes in me**, as the Scripture has said, **will have streams of living water flow from deep within him**.”³⁹ He said this about the **Spirit**. Those who **believed** in Jesus were going to **receive** the Spirit, for the Spirit had not yet been given because Jesus had not yet been glorified [resurrected].

3) Do not minimize (downplay) Jesus, but believe He is the Messiah (King).

²⁵ The woman said to him, “I know that the **Messiah** is coming” (who is called Christ). “When he comes, **he will explain** everything to us.”²⁶ Jesus told her, “I, the one speaking to you, **am he**.”

[John 4:27–30](#) (CSB)

Just then his disciples arrived, and they were amazed that he was talking with a woman. Yet no one said, “What do you want?” or “Why are you talking with her?”²⁸ Then the woman **left her water jar**, went into town, and told the people,²⁹ “Come, see a man who told me everything I ever did. **Could this be the Messiah?**”³⁰ **They** left the town and made their way to him.

Faith in Jesus (God/human) moves us!

[John 4:39–42](#) (CSB)

Now **many Samaritans** from that town **believed** in him because of what the *woman* said when she testified, “He told me everything I ever did.”⁴⁰ So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them, and he stayed there two days.⁴¹ **Many more believed** because of what he said.⁴² And they told the woman, “We no longer believe because of what you said, since we have heard for ourselves and know that this really is the **Savior of the world.**”

1) Believe in Jesus for who he is: God in the flesh, Messiah (King), Savior of the world.

2) Ask and receive His living water.

3) Keep drinking the living water! ([1 Cor 12.13](#))