

# The Woman at the Well

## Chapter 9

### Audio Lesson: New Testament #27



Objective: To see how Jesus ministered to people in the Gospel of John and to further understand the new birth.



*“Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give him will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.” . . . “God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in spirit and in truth.”*

—John 4:13-14, 24

In John 4, we see another example of a person who was born again by responding properly to Jesus. He encountered a Samaritan woman at a well and offered her the kind of water that would quench her thirst forever—the water of His truth and His life. Not only did this woman accept His offer, she became a spring of water from which others would come and drink. In other words, she was born again and showed the people of her village how to receive eternal life by coming to Jesus.

In the next chapter, Jesus healed a man on the Sabbath, and then told the man to pick up his bed mat, which violated the rules of the religious leaders. This healing begins a hostile dialog with those leaders that will continue for several chapters in the Gospel of John. In this interaction with Jewish authorities, Jesus made bold claims about Himself—that He is the Son of God, that He does what only God can do, and that the scriptures testify of Him. His words left the people with a choice: they either had to reject Him or believe in Him. We are confronted with that same choice today when we read His words.



1. True or false? Jews and Samaritans were very close and loved each other like brothers.
2. True or false? Jesus demonstrated that He was just as prejudiced as any other human being.
3. True or false? Jesus told the woman at the well exactly the same thing He told Nicodemus. He used the same approach with everyone..
4. True or false? The woman at the well was changed forever through her encounter with Jesus.

*Unless otherwise noted, choose one answer for each question.*

5. Which characteristics did Jesus demonstrate in His conversation with the woman at the well?  
(choose all that apply)
  - a. Condemnation
  - b. Prejudice
  - c. Discernment
  - d. Sensitivity
  - e. Acceptance of sin
  - f. Acceptance of people
6. Which of the following did Jesus point out in His conversation with the woman?
  - a. Her problem
  - b. Her solution
  - c. Her Savior
  - d. All of the above
7. What did Jesus suggest that the woman should ask Him for?
  - a. Something to drink
  - b. A new husband
  - c. Living water
  - d. Another profession
8. What did Jesus ask the man at the pool of Bethesda?
  - a. "Why is God punishing you with this sickness?"
  - b. "Do you want to get well?"
  - c. "If I heal you, will you promise to be good?"
  - d. "How much are you willing to sacrifice in order to be healed?"
9. Why did the religious leaders get angry with Jesus for healing the lame man?
  - a. Jesus healed the man on the Sabbath day.
  - b. They thought the man deserved to be lame.
  - c. Only they were allowed to heal people.
  - d. They believed the man was only pretending to be lame and that Jesus did not really heal him.

10. Why did Jesus only heal one of many at the Pool of Bethesda?
- a. Jesus only wanted to heal people who had been sick a very long time.
  - b. This one man was perhaps the only one who had given up on the pool.
  - c. Jesus could not heal everyone.
  - d. Jesus did not want to cause an argument with the religious leaders.
11. What does the pool of Bethesda represent?
- a. Jesus as the Living Water
  - b. The world full of problems
  - c. All the things or places we go to find healing
  - d. That to be saved we must be at the right place at the right time
12. Where can we find eternal life?
- a. At the pool of Bethesda
  - b. In our own righteousness
  - c. In psychiatric help
  - d. In wealth
  - e. In health
  - f. In relationships with other people
  - g. In pleasure and comfort
  - h. Only in Jesus
13. When we examine Scripture, we must come to which conclusion about Jesus?
- a. Jesus is either a liar or a lunatic, or He was who He said He was—God.
  - b. Jesus was a very good man and we should follow His example.
  - c. Jesus was a prophet sent by God to tell us how to earn eternal life.
  - d. Jesus was a fictional person who tried to teach good morals.



What do you thirst for? In what ways can Jesus fulfill your thirst? How can you become a spring of living water and help others have their thirst quenched in Jesus?

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Thank God that Jesus is our only hope and that He will not let us be satisfied with any lesser hope. Ask Him to satisfy you fully in your relationship with Him and to give you opportunities to share your hope with other people.



## Going Deeper

1. Since Jesus was only passing through Samaria, what was His strategy for reaching all of Samaria after He had passed through that area? (Compare this with His strategy when He was passing through Jericho as recorded in Luke 19) \_\_\_\_\_

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2. What is the personal application of this “one drink of living water that becomes in us a spring of water from which others come and drink”?

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3. How can we apply what is, in many ways, the greatest verse in this interview, verse 28, “*The woman then left her water pot, went her way into the city, and said to the men, ‘Come, see a Man...’*”? In that culture why would this woman have spoken to the men in her village about Jesus? \_\_\_\_\_

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4. How are we to apply the exhortation of Jesus to His disciples to lift up their eyes before they look on the fields (this woman), which are overripe and ready to be harvested? \_\_\_\_\_

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5. Since chapter 5 emphasizes the reality that there were a great multitude of people beside the Pool of Bethesda, why did Jesus heal this man, and how did Jesus make this a strategic healing?

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6. This healing results in a hostile dialogue between Jesus and the religious leaders, which relocates and continues as recorded through the end of chapter 8. Make a list of all the claims Jesus made about Himself in these four chapters, and then answer the question “Who is Jesus?”

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7. When you have finished your list, what choice do you have concerning Jesus? Is He a liar, a lunatic or Lord? \_\_\_\_\_

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