

John 4:1-15

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John 4:1-5 – *“(1) When therefore the Lord knew how the Pharisees had heard that Jesus made and baptized more disciples than John, (2) (Though Jesus himself baptized not, but his disciples,) (3) He left Judæa, and departed again into Galilee. (4) And he must needs go through Samaria. (5) Then cometh he to a city of Samaria, which is called Sychar, near to the parcel of ground that Jacob gave to his son Joseph.”*

A. Jesus knew what the Pharisees had heard about his baptizing more disciples than John because Jesus is able to know all things (**Matthew 12:24-25** and **John 6:64**).

1. The Scriptures clarify that Jesus in fact baptized no one, showing that the “administrator” of baptism does not matter (**I Corinthians 1:12-17**).
2. Regardless of who puts one into the water, baptism is by the authority of the Lord (**Matthew 28:19, Acts 2:38, Acts 8:16, Acts 10:48, and Acts 19:5**).

B. Jesus had to go through Samaria (**Luke 17:11**).

1. It is not that Jesus wanted to focus on teaching in Samaria (**Matthew 10:5-6**).
2. Nor was it the intention of our Lord to see those in Samaria lost (**Luke 9:51-56 and Acts 8:5-13**).
3. He came near the parcel of ground that Jacob gave to Joseph (**Joshua 24:32**).

John 4:6-12 – *“(6) Now Jacob's well was there. Jesus therefore, being wearied with his journey, sat thus on the well: and it was about the sixth hour. (7) There cometh a woman of Samaria to draw water: Jesus saith unto her, Give me to drink. (8) (For his disciples were gone away unto the city to buy meat.) (9) Then saith the woman of Samaria unto him, How is it that thou, being a Jew, askest drink of me, which am a woman of Samaria? for the Jews have no dealings with the Samaritans. (10) Jesus answered and said unto her, If thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of him, and he would have given thee living water. (11) The woman saith unto him, Sir, thou hast nothing to draw with, and the well is deep: from whence then hast thou that living water? (12) Art thou greater than our father Jacob, which gave us the well, and drank thereof himself, and his children, and his cattle?”*

A. Jacob’s well had existed since the days when Jacob lived (**John 4:12**).

1. Jesus was not just always in high gear, running full speed ahead (**Mark 6:31**).
2. While Jesus was deity in the flesh (**Romans 9:5**), He still had need of food (**John 4: 8**) and water (**Matthew 12:1**).

B. Jesus talks with a Samaritan woman asking her for a drink, which creates an occasion to teach (**Luke 13:22** and **Galatians 6:10**).

1. Jesus didn’t degrade her as some dirty Samaritan (**II Timothy 2:24-26**).

2. Jesus is also going to show that we do not need to react to ignorance, but teach those who are ignorant (**John 8:12** and **John 12:35-36**; cf. **Romans 11:25-26**).

C. Had she truly realized whom she was talking to, her response would not have been so sarcastic (**John 9:35-38**).

1. She was ignorant to the fact that salvation was standing right in front of her (**Luke 5:19-24**, **John 11:22-27**, **John 17:3**, **Acts 4:10-12**, and **I John 5:20**).

2. She was also ignorant to the fact that destruction was standing right before her (**II Thessalonians 1:7-9** and **Revelation 1:13-18**).

John 4:13-15 – *“(13) Jesus answered and said unto her, Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again: (14) But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life. (15) The woman saith unto him, Sir, give me this water, that I thirst not, neither come hither to draw.”*

A. Jesus could offer the living water (**Isaiah 55:1-3**; **6-7**, **Jeremiah 2:13**, **John 6:35**, and **Revelation 22:17**).

1. Jesus could offer true nourishment for the soul (**John 6:27**, **John 6:40**, **John 6:49**, and **Romans 6:22**).

2. Too many are focused on things of this life (**Matthew 6:24-34**) and miss the opportunities to learn eternal lessons (**Luke 10:38-42**).

B. When people do consider never thirsting they ask for it, but do they understand what they're asking for (**Luke 9:57-62**)?

1. Jesus was the ransom (**Matthew 20:28**).

2. Yet, there is still a cost we must pay to never thirst (**Matthew 16:24-27**).