

Exodus 17:1-7

Psalm 95

Romans 5:1-11

John 4:5-42

In Exodus we see a thirsty people grumbling. “Give us water that we may drink.” Water is pertinent to life. A person can survive on water alone anywhere from several weeks to two or three months (not advisable). But you must have it!!

Everything means something. The Word of God builds. Isaiah 28 refers to: Precept on precept, line upon line. What does that mean?

Here is what I found when I typed in precept and the meaning of.

A method of learning and receiving revelation gradually, “Here a little and there a little,” rather than all at once. It signifies a slow, steady process of gaining divine knowledge, wisdom, or instruction, often used to describe how God teaches individuals.

Jesus uses this method. He reveals the spiritual through the natural. He breaks down every barrier; Gender, nationality, religious, status and sin.

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Jesus begins His conversation with these words, “Give me a drink.” He is thirsty, it is in the heat of the day. She responds with, “How is it that You, being a Jew, ask a drink of me, a Samaritan woman?”

Samaritans were of mixed ancestry and had some pagan history. They did not worship in Jerusalem. However, from the conversation (v.25), they knew Messiah was coming so they did worship the God of Israel. However, Jews and Samaritans did not associate in any way.

There is so much happening here. He begins by asking for a drink. I can see Him drinking from His cup while having conversation with this woman. He smiles at her from time to time, nodding His head as He listens. His eyes are kind toward her. He speaks of spiritual things, she responds with natural.

Then He gets personal, “Go, call your husband, and come here.”

“I have no husband.” She responds. Jesus knew this, notice what He says in response, “You have well said ... you spoke truly.”

He is admonishing her for being truthful. He is full of grace towards her.

We do not know and neither are we told, how she ended up with five husbands. Was she widowed five times? It's possible. Did they divorce her? Divorce was easy for a man.

We do know she was living outside of marital law. Maybe that was the reason she chose the heat of the day. It really doesn't matter because this was a Divine encounter, and lives were going to be changed forever!

“Sir, I perceive that You are a prophet. I know Messiah is coming” (who is called Christ). “When He comes, He will tell us all things.”

“I who speak to you am He.”

She was the first one that Jesus revealed His Deity to.

What? A woman, a Samaritan, and she is living in sin!

Notice when the disciples return. The scripture says, they marvelled, but they asked nothing (v27).

The woman leaves her jar, goes back to the city, and tells the men, “Come see a man ...” The men leave the city and go to the place where Jesus is. They want to see.

The discourse between Jesus and His disciples seems a little curt. Jesus has just finished a conversation with one who's heart was so receptive and truthful even in her sin. He has been moved in His Spirit. He has just revealed who He is for the first time. These guys were with Him everyday; they were concerned that He had not eaten. Jesus was readying Himself for evangelism. Food was far from His mind.

Because of the woman's testimony, “Come and see a man who has told me everything about myself. Could this be the Christ?” many believed. The Samaritans urged Jesus to stay with them. He stayed for two days and many more believed. These are the last words in the reading,

“Now we believe, not because of what you said (referring to the woman), for we ourselves have heard Him and we know that this is indeed the Christ, the Saviour of the world.”

They were the first peoples evangelized as a group who believed. Samaritans (mixed people), impure, and it started with a woman who was living outside the law of God, at an old well.

Are you thirsty?

