



THE WOMAN WITH A THIRSTY SOUL

John 4:1-30

A. Background for Jesus' Meeting with the Woman (John 4:1-6)

1. Opposition of the Pharisees (1-2)
2. Desire to avoid a premature confrontation (3)
3. Shortest route through Samaria (4-5)
4. Jesus' weariness (6)

B. Jesus' Talk with the Samaritan Woman (4:7-26)

1. Jesus' explanation of the true living water (7-15)
 - a. Jesus' non-threatening approach (7-8)
 - b. The woman's surprised response (9)
 - c. Jesus' first attempt to interest her in spiritual issues (10)
 - d. The woman's first avoidance strategy (11-12)
 - e. Jesus' second attempt to interest her in spiritual issues (13-14)
 - f. The woman's surface interest (15)
2. Jesus' convicting power (16-20)
 - a. Request to bring her husband (16)
 - b. Accountability for sin (17-18)
 - c. The woman's second avoidance strategy (19-20)
3. Jesus' revelation as Messiah (21-26)
 - a. Ceremonies and human traditions not important (21)
 - b. Revelation of God as Father only through Messiah (22)
 - c. True worship not a place but a relationship (23-24)
 - d. The woman's final avoidance strategy, Jesus' answer (25-26)

C. Jesus' Convert Becomes A Witness and Evangelist (4:27-30)

1. Reason for her leaving (27-28)
 - a. Disciples weren't surprised Jesus breaks tradition (27)
 - b. Woman probably spiritually reborn by now (28)
2. Her witness to the people of the city (29-30)
 - a. A wise witness who learned from Jesus--asked questions
 - b. Result of the Woman's questions--Samaritans coming to Jesus!