

A. In verses 16 – 26 = Issues of **sin**.
She has had **five husbands**.

B. In verses 25 – 26 she sifts from issues
of sin to **worship locations**.

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The disciples rejoin Jesus Prejudice – Why?

Vs. 27 “Just then his disciples returned and were surprised to find him talking with a woman. But no one asked,” What do you want?” or “Why are you talking with her?”

Vs. 8 “His disciples had gone into town to buy food.”

III. Observations About the Samaritan Woman

1. She **witnessed** vs. 28 – 29 “Then, leaving her water jar, the woman went back to the town and said to the people, “Come see a man who told me everything I ever did. Could this be the Christ?”

2. Her **testimony** brought others.

Vs., 39 – 42 “Many of the Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, “He told me everything I ever did.” So when the Samaritans came to him, they urged him to stay with them, and he stayed two days. And because of his words many more became believers. They said to the woman, “We no longer believe just because of what you said; now we

have heard for ourselves, and we know that this man really is the Savior of the World.”

IV. Why do Christians Need to Take Risks?

I. **Obeying** Christ will involve risk.

Acts 4:1 – 3 “While they were talking to the people, the chief priests, the captain of the temple police, and some of the Sadducees came over to them, very disturbed that Peter and John were claiming that Jesus had risen from the dead. They arrested them and since it was already evening, jailed them overnight.”

II. Living in the **power** of Christ will involve risk.

II Corinthians 4: 11 – 12

“Yes, we live under constant danger to our lives because we serve the Lord, but this gives us **constant opportunities** to show forth the **power** of Jesus Christ within our dying bodies. Because of our preaching we face death, but it has resulted in eternal life for you.”

III. **Sharing** The gospel will involve risk. Acts

26: 20 “I preached first to those in Damascus, then in Jerusalem and through Judea, and also to the Gentiles that all must forsake their sins and turn to God – and prove their repentance by doing good deeds.”

Conclusion: What risk is Jesus asking you to take for his Gospel ... His Kingdom?

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“Taking A Risk For Jesus”

Introduction:

Webster’s Dictionary:

- **Risk** = The possibility of suffering harm or loss; danger.
- **Courage** = The state or quality of mind or spirit that enables one to face danger with self-possession, confidence, and resolution; bravery; valor.

John 4: 1 – 6

¹ The Pharisees heard that Jesus was gaining and baptizing more disciples than John, ² Although in fact it was not Jesus who baptized, but his disciples. ³ When the Lord learned of this, he left Judea and back once more to Galilee. ⁴ Now he had to go through Samaria. ⁵ So he came to a town in Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of ground Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶ Jacob’s well was there, and Jesus, tired as he was from the journey, sat down by the well. It was about the sixth hour.”

I. Jesus Christ, Mission – Jesus left Judea.

A. Jesus left Judea out of **necessity**.

“He had to go through Samaria.” Vs., 4

1. **Necessity**

2. **Compulsion**

3. **Destiny**

B. Jesus left Judea **confront** a Samaritan woman.

John 4: 7 – 10

⁷ When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, “Will you give me a drink?”⁸ (His disciples had gone into the town to buy food.)⁹ The Samaritan woman said to him, “You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink?” (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans.)

¹⁰ Jesus answered her, “If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water.”

II. Jesus Takes A Risk

- There was a bitter **hatred** between the Jews and Samaritans. Why?
- The fact of a mixed breed infuriated the strict Jews who held to a **pure** race.

Jesus requested a drink from a woman.

Vs. 7

- The woman questioned Jesus
 - a) She was shocked that Jesus **talked** with her.
 - b) She questioned **racial** prejudice.
- Vs. 9 b – “How can you ask me for a drink?” (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans.)

Part II.

Jesus offers Her Living Water

John 4: 10 – 15

¹⁰ Jesus answered her, “If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asked you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water.”¹¹ “Sir,” the woman said, “you have nothing to draw with and the well is deep. Where can you get this living water?”¹² Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did also his sons and his flocks and herds?”¹³ Jesus answered, “Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again,¹⁴ 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.”

¹⁵ The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water so that I won’t get thirsty and have to keep coming here to draw water.”

a) Living water is “of **GOD**.”

b) Living water is “The **Gift** of God.”

c) Living water is given by **asking** for it.

Key: Living water is the only water that will quench man’s **thirst** spiritually.

Men have two thirsts:

- 1) **physical**
- 2) **spiritual**

John 4: 16 – 26

¹⁶ He told her, “Go, call your husband and come back.”¹⁷ “I have no husband,” she replied. Jesus said to her, “You are right when you say you have no husband.”¹⁸ The fact is, you have had five husbands, and the man who you now have is not your husband. What you have just said is quite true.”¹⁹ “Sir,” the woman said, “I can see that you are a prophet.”²⁰ Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but you Jews claim that the place where we must worship is in Jerusalem.”²¹ Jesus declared, “Believe me, woman, a time 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 for salvation is from the Jews.”²³ Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks.”²⁴ God is a spirit, and his worshipers must worship in spirit and in truth.”²⁵ The woman said, “I know that Messiah: (called Christ) “is coming. When he comes, he will explain everything to us.”²⁶ then Jesus declared, “I who speak to you am he.”