

The BIBLE STORY with Review

(Parents, we suggest you pull out your Bible too)

Jesus had been making disciples in Judea, and His disciples baptized people. Now Jesus had more followers than John the Baptist. **The time came for Jesus to leave Judea.**

Jesus began traveling back to Galilee. Usually, people who were Jews took the long route between Judea and Galilee because in between these two places was Samaria. Jews did not like people from Samaria. The two groups of people had not gotten along for many, many years. So Jews avoided Samaritans whenever they could.

But Jesus was not like all the other Jews. He traveled straight through Samaria. While He was there, He stopped in a town at the well. The sun was high overhead. Jesus' disciples went into town to buy food.

While Jesus was at the well, a Samaritan woman came to get water from the well.

"Give Me a drink," Jesus said to the woman.

The woman was surprised. **"You're a Jew," she said. "Why are you talking to me? I'm a Samaritan."**

Jesus said, "I asked you for a drink. You don't know who I am. If you did, you would have asked Me for a drink, and I would give you living water."

The woman was confused. Jesus didn't look like He had any water; He didn't even have a bucket to get water out of the well.

"Sir," the woman said, "This well is deep, and you don't have a bucket. Where do You get this 'living water'?"

Jesus said, "Anyone who drinks this well water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks from the water I give will never, ever get thirsty again! In fact, the water I give will become a well inside you, and you will have eternal life." Now Jesus was talking about the Holy Spirit, but the woman did not understand.

"Sir," she said, "give me this water. If I'm not thirsty, I won't have to keep coming to this well to get water"

"Go get your husband," Jesus said.

"I don't have a husband," the woman replied.

Jesus knew she was telling the truth. **"That's right," He said. "You don't have a husband now, but you've had five husbands."**

Jesus was right. **"I see you are a prophet," the woman said. Maybe this prophet could explain something to her that she didn't understand. She said, "The Samaritans worship here on a mountain, but the Jews say we need to worship at the temple in Jerusalem."**

Jesus said, **"Soon you will not need to be in either of those places to worship God in spirit and in truth."**

The woman said, "I know the Messiah is coming. When He comes, He will explain everything to us."

Then Jesus said, "He is talking to you now. I am the Messiah."

Christ Connection: Jesus offered the woman something no one else could give her—living water. Jesus wasn't talking about water that she could physically drink; Jesus was talking about the Holy Spirit who would satisfy her spiritual thirst. Jesus gives the Holy Spirit to those who come to Him by faith.

Review with Questions

Jesus had been in Judea. His disciples baptized people, and people began following Jesus. When it was time for Jesus to leave Judea and go back to Galilee, He and His disciples started traveling north.

Between the land of Judea and the land of Galilee was the land of Samaria. Most Jews did not travel through Samaria. They went around the land instead. Do you remember why? (*Jews and Samaritans did not get along.*)

But Jesus was not like other Jews. He loves everyone, and He traveled right through the land of Samaria. Jesus and the disciples came to a town. The disciples went to get something to eat, and Jesus sat down at the well. He was tired from traveling. A Samaritan woman came to the well to get water. What did Jesus say to the woman? (*"Give Me a drink."*)

The woman was surprised that Jesus, a Jew, was talking to her, a Samaritan. Jesus offered the woman living water. He said that this water was a gift from God. Jesus wasn't talking about actual water like the water that came from the well. He was offering the woman something else.

What does Jesus offer? Jesus offers eternal life. That's our big picture question and answer. Let's say it together. ***What does Jesus offer? Jesus offers eternal life.***

Jesus was talking about the Holy Spirit. Eternal life is a free gift. Jesus gives the Holy Spirit to those who come to Him by faith. When we trust in Jesus as Lord and Savior, He saves us from our sins.