

Sermon Notes – “Jesus Water”

(March 12, 2023)

Sermon Texts: Exodus 17:1-7, John 4:4-15

Memory Verse – John 13:34-35

“A new command I give you. Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”

John 13:34-35

Introduction: A woman comes to the Well of Jacob, expecting nothing more than to obtain enough drinking water for the day. She leaves with “living water” that gives eternal life. The process that transforms her thinking is instructive. I submit to you that it is the basis of all Christian evangelism.

Focus Question: *What is this living water that Jesus offers?*

I. Giver and the Gift (John 4:13-15)

- The Giver of the Gift is Jesus.
- The Gift, paradoxically, is also Jesus.
- Jesus is God in the flesh; the Gift is God, himself.
- It is God/Jesus that gives the **ultimate gift – Eternal Life**.

II. Spirit and Truth (John 4:23-24)

- Spirit represents **presence** – God’s presence – in our lives.
- Truth represents **reality** – God’s reality – in our lives.
- **Implication:** The world’s truth is not real; it is a **false** reality. (John 4:13)

III. The Power of Suggestion (John 4:19)

- Jesus doesn’t **blast** this woman directly with the Word of God.
- Instead, he **plants seeds** with his **suggestions** of an alternative reality.
- This **transforms** her thinking and leads her to saving faith.
- So much so that she becomes an evangelist: “*Come and see ...*” (John 4:29)

Faith Challenge – Keep your eyes open this week for an opportunity to have a conversation with an unbeliever. Be intentional about “**planting the seeds**” of Jesus’ alternative reality as an **antidote** to all the restlessness and heartache that accompanies the world’s version of the truth. The goal: Get people thinking about **spiritual things**.