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- ◆ Water is abundant on the Earth and is essential to all forms of life
- ◆ God created us thirsty ~ physically, emotionally, mentally, spiritually
- ◆ Our sin has twisted that thirst and the ways we seek to get it satisfied
- ◆ Don't miss the point today ~ it's not just about water!

## John 4:1-6 (English Standard Version)

<sup>1</sup>Now when Jesus learned that the Pharisees had heard that Jesus was making and baptizing more disciples than John <sup>2</sup>(although Jesus himself did not baptize, but only his disciples), <sup>3</sup>he left Judea and departed again for Galilee. <sup>4</sup>And he had to pass through Samaria. <sup>5</sup>So he came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the field that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. <sup>6</sup>Jacob's well was there; so Jesus, wearied as he was from his journey, was sitting beside the well. It was about the sixth hour.

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- ◆ These two should not be talking to each other
- ◆ “Had to pass through Samaria”- most Jews went to great lengths to miss Samaria
- ◆ God is always working ~ organizing, moving, orchestrating
- ◆ Why did Jesus go this way?
- ◆ Because this is His mission; because He's God's man doing God's work, are you?

## John 4:7-14 (English Standard Version)

<sup>7</sup>A woman from Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." <sup>8</sup>(For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.) <sup>9</sup>The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a woman of Samaria?" (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.) <sup>10</sup>Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." <sup>11</sup>The woman said to him, "Sir, you have nothing to draw water with, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? <sup>12</sup> Are you greater than our father Jacob? He gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did his sons and his livestock." <sup>13</sup>Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, <sup>14</sup>but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life."

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- ◆ “How will you get it?”
- ◆ Like Nicodemus, both are blind and unable to see
- ◆ Christ challenges her more
- ◆ 1st drink = Keep drinking
- ◆ 2nd drink = Just one
- ◆ He answers the question about Jacob!

## John 4:15-18 (English Standard Version)

<sup>15</sup>The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I will not be thirsty or have to come here to draw water." <sup>16</sup>Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here." <sup>17</sup>The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; <sup>18</sup>for you have had five husbands, and the one you now have is not your husband. What you have said is true."

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- ◆ Why was she at this well?
- ◆ Because she's an outcast
- ◆ She comes after all others are gone, is this you?



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- ◆ v. 16 must be painful and shocking
- ◆ She's had some burning passion that's never been satisfied
- ◆ Christ goes to heart of the problem and confronts her with the darkness within
- ◆ He demands that we face the reality of who we are
- ◆ The light of Christ exposes what she thought was hidden ~ the half-truth of v. 17
- ◆ We lie to ourselves and God and others
- ◆ Where are you lying?

## John 4:19-24 (English Standard Version)

<sup>19</sup>The woman said to him, "Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet. <sup>20</sup>Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but you say that in Jerusalem is the place where people ought to worship." <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. <sup>22</sup> You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. <sup>23</sup>But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship Him. <sup>24</sup>God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."

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- ◆ This is not so much about worship as it is a comment on her condition
- ◆ Christ is moving her from, "I want/I need", to "I must give myself away and be reborn by this water."

## John 4:25-26 (English Standard Version)

<sup>25</sup>The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ). When he comes, he will tell us all things." <sup>26</sup>Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am he."

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- ◆ She says, "I know Messiah will clear it all up"
- ◆ Jesus says, "It's me!"
- ◆ Christ first reveals himself to this outcast woman!
- ◆ This is His good pleasure (1 Cor. 1:27-31)
- ◆ At the end of your rope, you don't need anything but Christ ~ He is the water you need!
- ◆ This water is God's gift; it gives life, it satisfies forever, and it produces a life that is always satisfying

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- ◆ If we are thirsty in this short life, how thirsty will we be after 10 million years of life without Christ's water?

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- ◆ Where/to whom are you going to satisfy your thirst?
- ◆ What is happening in your life that doesn't make sense?
- ◆ Christ's mission was to the outcast and religious: the thirsty
- ◆ Where is your mission?
- ◆ You're not too far away from Him! The people you care about are not too far away!
- ◆ Face your sin and darkness, confess it, let go of all of you
- ◆ Drink and be reborn forever!

# **Baptisms: Sunday, April 24**

**Do you want to be baptized?**

**Join us for a mandatory meeting  
NEXT Sunday, April 17<sup>th</sup>,  
after morning worship**



# *Sew Fest*

April 30<sup>th</sup>

8:00 - 2:00pm

Christ United Methodist Church

Volunteers Needed:

Sew / Iron / Cut / Package





**APRIL 30 / 7 PM / MATT PRINE'S**

RSVP by emailing Matt Prine at  
[mprine@thesanctuaryfellowship.com](mailto:mprine@thesanctuaryfellowship.com)

# **New Life Group Begins You're Invited!**

- +** Join us for a Cook-Out
- +** NEXT Sunday, April 17, 5:30 pm
- +** For info or questions write us at [info@thesanctuaryfellowship.com](mailto:info@thesanctuaryfellowship.com)

# Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 23 @ 10 AM



A wicker picnic basket with a handle and latch is placed on a blue and white checkered picnic blanket. The background is a blurred green lawn. The text is overlaid on the basket and blanket.

**Church Picnic  
TODAY @ 5 pm  
Bonbrook  
Plantation**