

# Everyday FAITH Family Page

## New Testament 2 Jesus Shows He Is True God

### Law/Gospel

Because of sin, my soul is parched and dying. **The Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, gives me the living water from God's Word and Holy Baptism to quench my spiritual thirst forever, giving me new life in Christ.**

### Bible Words

We know that this is indeed the Savior of the world.  
John 4:42

### Fun Facts

Samaria lay directly between Galilee and Judea. After the Babylonians exiled the royal, rich, educated Jews to their land, the remaining poor, less educated Jews lived in Samaria. Many scandalously married Gentiles. Later, returning Jews settled near Jerusalem.

In the fourth century BC, the Samaritans built a temple on Mount Gerizim to worship God. The Jews destroyed this temple in 107 BC, saying Jerusalem was the only true place to worship the Lord God. Hostility increased. Most often, Jews traveling to Jerusalem walked around Samaria, going many miles out of the way to avoid the area.

## Jesus and the Samaritan Woman

John 4:1–42

Jesus often disregarded cultural customs. On this day, He traveled through Samaria. He spoke to and cared for Samaritans. He talked with a woman in public. He showed His true identity as Messiah to sinners.

Jesus and His entourage stopped near the Samaritan town of Sychar around noon. Weary, Jesus sat beside a well while His disciples went into town to find food.

A woman came to draw water in the heat of the day. The fact that she was working then instead of in the cool morning with other women hints at her low place in the community. Still, Jesus asked her for a drink.

Surprised, the woman asked why a Jew would ask a Samaritan for a drink. Jesus responded by saying if she knew God's gifts and who He was, she would ask Him for water, and He would give her *living water*.

The woman asked how Jesus could get this water without a water-drawing tool. Jesus then told her more about this living water. Those who drink it never thirst again; it bubbles up to eternal life. Excited to end water-toting drudgery and thirst, the woman eagerly asked for some of it.

Switching topics, Jesus asked the woman to call her husband. When she said she wasn't married, Jesus said she was right. He also said she had married five times and now lived with a sixth man. This revelation made the woman recognize Jesus as a prophet, God's spokesperson.

A few exchanges later, the woman spoke of the Christ, and Jesus said, "I who speak to you am He" (John 4:26).

The astonished woman went back into town and told others about their conversation. Many townspeople came to see Jesus. He stayed two more days and many believed in Him as "indeed the Savior of the world" (v. 42).

The Spirit works through God's Word to show us this truth: Jesus is the Savior of the world! His blood "cleanses us from all sin" (1 John 1:7). He quenches our thirst for eternal life. The Spirit gives us these gifts of forgiveness of sin and eternal life in the *living water* of Baptism, a "washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit" (Titus 3:5).

### Prayer

*Holy Spirit, give us faith to believe in Jesus as the Savior of the world and as our Savior. In His name we pray. Amen.*

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