

# THE ROAD TO GLORY



## Where Grace Meets Shame Living Water John 4:1-42

**Big Idea:** Jesus alone satisfies the deepest needs of the human soul.

*"There is a God-shaped vacuum in the heart of each man which cannot be satisfied by any created thing but only by God the Creator, made known through Jesus." - Blaise Pascal*

### I. A Divine Appointment [John 4:1-9]

**Application:** No one is too far. No one is overlooked. Jesus still meets people in the routine moments of life.

### II. A Deep Thirst Revealed [John 4:10-26]

**Application ?'s:** Where are you drawing water that never truly satisfies? What wells are you returning to again and again?

### III. A Life Overflowing [John 4:27-45]

**Application:** Saved people speak. Changed lives invite others. Satisfaction in Christ leads to mission.

#### Study Questions/Purposeful Time with God

[1] Read John 4:4-9. Jesus "had to" pass through Samaria and engages a Samaritan woman.

*What barriers does Jesus intentionally cross to reach sinners? Are there cultural, relational, or personal barriers you avoid that Jesus would step across?*

[2] Read John 4:13-14. In these verses, Jesus contrasts temporary satisfaction with eternal satisfaction.

*What does Jesus reveal about our deepest spiritual need in these verses? Where am I still trying to quench a spiritual thirst with temporary wells?*

[3] Read John 4:23-24. The Father seeks worshipers who worship "in spirit and truth".

*What is true worship according to Jesus? Is my worship rooted in genuine heart transformation and biblical truth, or merely habit and form?*

**Read John 4:1-26 slowly. Ask the Lord to expose any "broken cisterns" you've been drawing from.**

**Pray specifically: Lord Jesus, You alone satisfy. Teach my heart to rest in You.**

#### A Divine Appointment at a Divided Well [4:1-9]

*Jesus Crosses Barriers to Reach the Thirsty*

[John 4:1-9] Now when Jesus learned that the Pharisees had heard that Jesus was making and baptizing more disciples than John [3:22, 26] <sup>2</sup> (although Jesus himself did not baptize, but only his disciples), <sup>3</sup> he left Judea and departed again for Galilee. [2:11,12] <sup>4</sup> (For Jesus himself had testified that a prophet has no honor in his own hometown.) [Matthew 13:57] And he had to pass through Samaria. [Luke 13:33] <sup>5</sup> So he came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the field that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. [4:12, Genesis 33:19, 48:22, Joshua 24:32] <sup>6</sup> Jacob's well was there; so Jesus, wearied as he was from his journey, [this comment underscores the full humanity of Jesus] was sitting beside the well. It was about the sixth hour. [John 19:28, Matthew 4:2, Matthew 8:24, Matthew 21:18] [noon - time to rest] <sup>7</sup> A woman from Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." [4:6, 19:28, Matthew 4:2, 8:24, 21:18] <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.) [8:48, Luke 9:53, Ezra 4:3, 10, Matthew 10:5]

#### An Offer She Didn't Understand [4:10-15]

*Living Water for a Thirst She Couldn't Name*

[John 4:10-15] <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." [7:38, Jeremiah 2:13, 17:13] <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? [8:53] He gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did his sons and his livestock." [4:5] <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 [6:35, 51, 6:58, 7:37] will never be thirsty again. [Isaiah 49:10, Revelation 7:16] The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." [7:38] <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." [6:34]

... they shall not hunger or thirst, neither scorching wind nor sun shall strike them, for he who has pity on them will lead them, and by springs of water will guide them.

**Isaiah 49:10**

## When Truth Meets the Heart [4:16-26]

*From Broken Relationships to True Worship*

[John 4:16-26] Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here." [16:8] <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." <sup>19</sup> The woman said to him, "Sir, I perceive that you are [9:17, 6:14] a prophet. [Luke 7:16, 7:39, Matthew 21:11] <sup>20</sup> Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, [Genesis 12:6-7, 33:18, 33:20, Deuteronomy 11:29, 27:12, Joshua 8:33] but you say that in Jerusalem [Deuteronomy 12:5], is the place where people ought to worship." [11:48] <sup>21</sup> Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, [2:4] the hour is coming [4:23, 5:25, 5:28, 16:2, 16:25, 16:32] [crucifixion and resurrection] when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. [Zephaniah 2:11, Malachi 1:11, 1 Timothy 2:8] <sup>22</sup> You worship what you do not know; [2 Kings 17:28-34, Acts 17:23] we worship what we know, [Psalm 147:19-20, Isaiah 2:3, Romans 3:1-2, 4-5] for salvation is from the Jews. [Psalm 147:19 - 20, Isaiah 2:3, Romans 3:1-2, 9:4-5] <sup>23</sup> But the hour is coming, [4:21] and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit [Romans 8:15, Ephesians 2:18, 6:18, Philippians 3:3] and truth, [1:17, Psalm 145:18] for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. [6:44] <sup>24</sup> God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." <sup>25</sup> The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ). [1:41] When he comes, he will tell us all things." [4:29, Deuteronomy 18:18] <sup>26</sup> Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am he."

## A Jar Left Behind [4:27-30]

*Shame Becomes Testimony*

[John 4:27-30] <sup>27</sup> Just then his disciples came back. [4:8] They marveled that he was talking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you seek?" or, "Why are you talking with her?" <sup>28</sup> So the woman left her water jar and went away into town and said to the people, <sup>29</sup> "Come, see a man who told me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?" [4:7, 18, 25] <sup>30</sup> They went out of the town and were coming to Him.

## Food the Disciples Didn't Know About [4:31-38]

*The Joy of Doing the Father's Will*

[John 4:31-38] Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, saying, "Rabbi, eat." [1:38] <sup>32</sup> But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about." <sup>33</sup> So the disciples said to one another, "Has anyone brought him something to eat?" [4:11, 4:15, 3:4, 6:34, 6:52] <sup>34</sup> Jesus said to them, "My food [Job 23:12] is to do the will of Him [5:30, 6:38, 14:31] who sent me and to accomplish his work." [5:36, 7:14, Deuteronomy 8:3] <sup>35</sup> "Do you not say, 'There are yet four months, then comes the harvest'? Look, I tell you, lift up your eyes, and see that the fields are white for harvest." [4:25, 30, Matthew 9:37, Luke 10:2] <sup>36</sup> Already the one who reaps is receiving wages and gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper [Matthew 13:37, Mark 4:14] may rejoice together. [Isaiah 9:3, Amos 9:13] <sup>37</sup> For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' [Job 31:8] <sup>38</sup> I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. [Joshua 24:13] Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor." [Acts 8:5-17, 8:25 - Philip and Simon the Magician in Samaria]

## From One Testimony to a Town Transformed [4:39-42]

*The Savior of the World*

[John 4:39-42] <sup>39</sup> Many Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me all that I ever did." <sup>40</sup> So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them, and he stayed there two days. <sup>41</sup> And many more believed because of his word. <sup>42</sup> They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is indeed the Savior of the world."