

THE WOMAN AT THE WELL: CONTACT
(John 4:1-15)

- I. A Divine WITHDRAWAL (John 4:1-3)
 - A. Jesus was attracting OPPOSITION from the RELIGIOUS LEADERS
 - 1. Nicodemus had INQUIRED, but remained CONFUSED (3:1-9)
 - 2. Pharisees were OFFENDED by John's BAPTISM of Jews (1:25)
 - 3. Jesus baptized NO ONE, but His disciples baptized MANY
 - 4. Pharisees were becoming CONCERNED about Jesus' ACTIVITIES
 - B. Jesus ABANDONED Judea and WENT AWAY to Galilee
 - 1. Possibly to AVOID public RIVALRY with the disciples of John
 - 2. Probably to POSTPONE public CONFLICT with Jewish authorities
- II. A Divine NECESSITY (John 4:4-6)
 - A. Jesus was COMPELLED to go through Samaria (cf. 3:7, 14, 30; 4:20, 24; 9:4; 10:16; 12:34; 20:9)
 - B. Jesus came to Sychar, in EPHRAIM'S territory
 - C. Jesus SAT to REST near Jacob's WELL
 - 1. He was WEARY from travel
 - 2. He was THIRSTY from the heat
 - D. It was about NOON
- III. A Divine APPOINTMENT (John 4:7-15)
 - A. A Samaritan woman came to DRAW WATER

- B. Jesus SHOCKED her by asking for a DRINK
 - 1. Men did not SPEAK with women in PUBLIC
 - 2. Rabbis never associated with IMMORAL women
 - 3. Jews usually SHARED no UTENSILS with Samaritans
- C. If she'd known Jesus' identity, she'd have ASKED HIM for a DRINK
- D. She was CONFUSED
 - 1. She DOUBTED His ABILITY to provide water
 - 2. She DOUBTED His SUPERIORITY to Jacob
- E. Jesus explained the superiority of the water ONLY HE COULD PROVIDE
 - 1. Those who drink from this WELL with thirst AGAIN
 - 2. Jesus will provide in INTRENAL WELL that springs up to ETERNAL
- F. She ASKED FOR this water
 - 1. She knew she was THIRSTY
 - 2. She wasn't ready to ADMIT the NATURE of her thirs

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