

“What Are You Thirsty For?”

John #8

John 4:1-19

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Scripture Reading: John 4:1-19

Series Setup & Introductory Remarks

- Two week mini-series, conversation with Samaritan woman

Prayer

Introduction

- Have you ever been really thirsty?

Big Idea: Jesus offers us living water; this alone can satisfy the deepest longings of our hearts.

Three layers: 1) practical realities, 2) ideas and concepts, 3) depths of the heart

I. Layer 1 - Practical Realities | vs. 1-9

1. Practical reality 1: Jesus is tired and thirsty
 - a. Augustine — Now begin the mysteries. For it is not without a purpose that Jesus is weary. Not indeed without a purpose that the strength of God is weary. Not without a purpose that he is weary, by whom the wearied are refreshed. Not without a purpose is he weary, by whose absence we are wearied, by whose presence we are strengthened. Nevertheless Jesus is weary...with his journey. And he sits down near a well, and it is at the sixth hour that, being wearied, he sits down. All these things hint something, are intended to intimate something. They make us eager, and encourage us to knock.
2. Practical reality 2: The woman is doing chores
3. Practical reality 3: The society has racial tension
 - a. Painful history
 - i. Divided kingdom | 1 Kings 12
 - ii. New capital city | 1 Kings 16
 - iii. Mixed race people | 2 Kings 17
 - iv. Hostile relationship | Sirach 50
 - v. —MAP— Jesus went right through when most people pass around

II. Layer 2 - Ideas and Concepts | vs. 10-14

1. Desires have a funny way of not being satisfied in the things that we try
2. Prophetic rebuke | Jeremiah 2:13 — For my people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, the fountain of living waters, and hewed out cisterns for themselves, broken cisterns that can hold no water.

3. Living water:
 - a. Clean "...will never thirst again"
 - b. Moving "...will become in him a spring"
 - c. Direction "...welling up to eternal life"

III. Layer 3 - Getting Personal | vs. 15-19

1. Sometimes we need to be willing to go "deep" quickly
2. A woman steeped in shame: sixth hour, alone, misrepresents herself
3. Two natural responses to shame"
 - a. Hide | Genesis 3:7-10
 - b. Flaunt | Philippians 3:19

Gospel

Augustine — It was for you that Jesus was wearied with His journey. We find Jesus to be strength, and we find Jesus to be weak: we find a strong and a weak Jesus. Strong, because in the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. Would you see how this Son of God is strong? All things were made by Him, and without Him was nothing made. And without labor, too, were they made. Then what can be stronger than He, by whom all things were made without labor? Would you know Him weak? The Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us. The strength of Christ created you, the weakness of Christ created you anew. The strength of Christ caused that to be which was not; the weakness of Christ caused that what was should not perish. He fashioned us by His strength, He sought us by His weakness.

Conclusion

Psalm 145:16-21

1. All of us have let our desires drive us to broken cisterns, dirty water
2. Bring your shame to Jesus, and bring your desires to Jesus.
3. This is your week to go deep with a brother or sister in Christ.
4. Let us respond in worship to a God who truly satisfies and fulfills our desires

Benediction | Psalm 107:8-9

⁸ Let us thank the Lord for his steadfast love, for his wondrous works to the children of man! ⁹
For he satisfies the longing soul, and the hungry soul he fills with good things.