



May 29, 2022

“Complete in Jesus”

[John 4:1-26; 39-42](#)

Pastor Gary Hamrick

In John 4, Jesus had a divine appointment with a woman at a well that would be life-changing for the woman. She had been on a search for love—married five times and living with a sixth man who was not her husband. As only Jesus can do, he tenderly performed heart surgery by exposing the great longing of her heart—a longing that could only be filled by Jesus. She represents all of us who have gone from one relationship to another, one drink to another, one drug to another, or one sexual encounter to another trying to fill that hole in our souls. Only Jesus can really complete us and make us whole!

1. [John 4:1-26; 39-42](#) – *“Therefore, when the Lord knew that the Pharisees had heard that Jesus made and baptized more disciples than John (though Jesus Himself did not baptize, but His disciples), He left Judea and departed again to Galilee. But He needed to go through Samaria. So He came to a city of Samaria which is called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Now Jacob’s well was there. Jesus therefore, being wearied from His journey, sat thus by the well. It was about the sixth hour. A woman of Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, ‘Give Me a drink.’ For His disciples had gone away into the city to buy food. Then the woman of Samaria said to Him, ‘How is it that You, being a Jew, ask a drink from me, a Samaritan woman?’ For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans. Jesus answered and said to her, ‘If you knew the gift of God, and who it is who says to you, “Give Me a drink,” you would have asked Him, and He would have given you living water.’ The woman said to Him, ‘Sir, You have nothing to draw with, and the well is deep. Where then do You get that living water? Are You greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well, and drank from it himself, as well as his sons*

*and his livestock?’ Jesus answered and said to her, ‘Whoever drinks of this water will thirst again, but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst. But the water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life.’ The woman said to Him, ‘Sir, give me this water, that I may not thirst, nor come here to draw.’ Jesus said to her, ‘Go, call your husband, and come here.’ The woman answered and said, ‘I have no husband.’ Jesus said to her, ‘You have well said, “I have no husband,” for you have had five husbands, and the one whom you now have is not your husband; in that you spoke truly.’ The woman said to Him, ‘Sir, I perceive that You are a prophet. Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, and you Jews say that in Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship.’ Jesus said to her, ‘Woman, believe Me, the hour is coming when you will neither on this mountain, nor in Jerusalem, worship the Father. You worship what you do not know; we know what we worship, for salvation is of the Jews. But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.’ The woman said to Him, ‘I know that Messiah is coming (who is called Christ). When He comes, He will tell us all things.’ Jesus said to her, ‘I who speak to you am He.’ And many of the Samaritans of that city believed in Him because of the word of the woman who testified, ‘He told me all that I ever did.’ So when the Samaritans had come to Him, they urged Him to stay with them; and He stayed there two days. And many more believed because of His own word. Then they said to the woman, ‘Now we believe, not because of what you said, for we ourselves have heard Him and we know that this is indeed the Christ, the Savior of the world.’”*

2. Jesus’ encounter with a Samaritan woman
  - a. Only recorded in the Gospel of John
  - b. No record of her name
  - c. A unique encounter for Jesus as a Jewish man
    - i. A woman
      1. Men did not regularly speak with women to whom they were not related
    - ii. A Samaritan
      1. Jews typically avoided Samaritans
      2. Viewed as “half-breeds,” as they were a mix of Assyrian and Jewish ancestry
      3. Mixed religion

- a. Believed the Pentateuch but rejected the rest of the Old Testament
    - b. Worshiped in a temple on Mt. Gerizim rather than at the Jewish temple in Jerusalem
  - 4. About one million Samaritans existed during Jesus' time, and about eight hundred remain today
  - iii. A social outcast
    - 1. Likely ostracized for her multiple marriages and for living with a man who was not her husband
  - d. Contrasted with Jesus' encounter with Nicodemus in the previous chapter
    - i. A male
    - ii. A Jew
    - iii. A highly regarded member of Jewish leadership
  - e. This contrast is evidence of Jesus' impartiality towards all people
    - i. Compassionate
    - ii. Relatable
    - iii. Approachable
- 3. A divine appointment
  - a. Jesus stopped in the town of Sychar as he and his disciples traveled back to Galilee
  - b. Jews typically went around the region to avoid contact with the Samaritans
  - c. The disciples went to town to buy food, and Jesus, weary from the journey, sat down to rest by a well at about 12:00 p.m.
  - d. The Samaritan woman arrived to draw water
    - i. Unusual for a woman to draw water in the heat of the day
      - 1. Likely avoiding social interaction
      - 2. Would probably endure judgment, snide comments, etc. if she arrived at the same time as the other ladies from the town
  - e. [John 4:7b; 9a](#) - *"Jesus said to her, 'Give Me a drink.'... Then the woman of Samaria said to Him, 'How is it that You, being a Jew, ask a drink from me, a Samaritan woman?'"*
    - i. The woman recognized that this was an unusual interaction
  - f. [John 4:10-11; 15-18](#) - *"Jesus answered and said to her, 'If you knew the gift of God, and who it is who says to you, 'Give Me a drink,' you would have asked Him, and He would have given you living water.' The woman said to Him, 'Sir, You have nothing to draw with, and*

*the well is deep. Where then do You get that living water?’ ... The woman said to Him, ‘Sir, give me this water, that I may not thirst, nor come here to draw.’ Jesus said to her, ‘Go, call your husband, and come here.’ The woman answered and said, ‘I have no husband.’ Jesus said to her, ‘You have well said, “I have no husband,” for you have had five husbands, and the one whom you now have is not your husband; in that you spoke truly.’”*

- i. Jesus exposed her greatest need – love

4. The deepest needs of the human heart

- a. The woman was looking for the kind of love no man could satisfy
  - i. God provides human relationships to meet **some** of the needs of the human heart
- b. Jesus Christ is the one who completes us
  - i. When we do not find our completeness in Christ, we will often go from one relationship, addiction, sexual encounter, etc. to another trying to meet needs that only God can fill
- c. Only God can meet the deepest needs of the human heart through a relationship with Jesus

5. **John 4:19-20** – *“The woman said to Him, ‘Sir, I perceive that You are a prophet. Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, and you Jews say that in Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship.’”*

- a. It’s possible that she was convicted and wanted to know how to make atonement for her sin
- b. **John 4:21-24** – *“Jesus said to her, ‘Woman, believe Me, the hour is coming when you will neither on this mountain, nor in Jerusalem, worship the Father. You worship what you do not know; we know what we worship, for salvation is of the Jews. But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.’”*
- c. You can get right with God anywhere because God is everywhere and ready to forgive and complete us
- d. The woman then went into town and told everyone about her encounter with Jesus
- e. The residents invited Jesus to stay with them, and many were saved

6. Complete in Christ
  - a. Blaise Pascal said, "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 Christ."
  - b. We can only be made complete when Jesus Christ comes in
  - c. He makes us whole

### Discussion Questions

1. Read [John 4:1-26 and 39-42](#) to provide a foundation for your Bible study time.
2. Why was Jesus' encounter with the Samaritan woman unique? (See #2c above)
3. Contrast Jesus' encounter with the Samaritan woman with his encounter with Nicodemus. What does this contrast tell us about Jesus? (See #2c, 2d, and 2e above)
4. Reread [John 4:10-11](#). What did Jesus reveal about the heart of the woman? (See #3f above)
5. What happens when we rely on human relationships to complete us? (See #4b-i above)
6. Have you ever experienced pain or grief because you relied on a human relationship to fill a need only God can fill?
7. How does a person get right with God? (See #5c above)
8. How are we made complete? (See #6 above)
9. What happens when we rely on Christ to make us whole?
10. Close your meeting by allowing the Holy Spirit to lead your time of prayer.

\* Unless noted, all Scriptures quoted are from the New King James Version (NKJV)