

Delight For the Downcast

John 4:1-30



Introduction

- **What must I do to be saved?**
- **Drawn to the woman at the well story**
- **How Jesus deals with her**
- **How she responds to Him**

Setting the Stage (v. 1-6)

- **Jesus' popularity rising**
- **Pharisees watching**
- **Jesus withdraws via Samaria**
- **Jews hated Samaritans**
- **“Now he *had* to go through Samaria” (v. 4)**
- **Place to rest at Jacob's well**

Jesus' Encounter With the Woman (v. 7-26)

- **Jesus' first words to her**
- **“If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water” (V. 10)**



Jesus' Encounter With the Woman (v. 7-26)

- **Jesus gets to the heart of the matter – her sin**
- **Confronts gently and with compassion**
- **Most issues we face are spiritual matters**
- **We settle for less than God's best for us**
- **God's heart breaks**



Jesus' Encounter With the Woman (v. 7-26)

- **Woman changes the subject**
- **"Believe me, woman, a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You Samaritans worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know, for salvation is from the Jews. Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in spirit and in truth"**
(v. 21-24)

Jesus' Encounter With the Woman (v. 7-26)

- **We worship in truth because we worship what is true**
- **Worship only in truth will lack vitality**
- **Worship only in spirit can become weak if not based in truth**
- **“In spirit” reminds us who we are worshipping**
- **“In truth” reminds of genuineness**

Impact On the Woman (v. 27-30)

- **Excitement and joy**
- **Left her water jar behind**
- **Excited to tell others about her encounter with Jesus**



Implications for Us

- **Jesus is Living Water**
- **Leaving things behind**
- **We have a story to tell**
- **Jesus is waiting at the well for you**