

He Would Have Given You Living Water

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INTRODUCTION

REVIEW

EXPOSITION

Jesus left Judea as Pharisees learned His ministry was bigger than John's (4:1–3)

Jesus needed to cross Samaria and rested by Jacob's well near Sychar (4:4–6)

Josephus *Antiquities* 20:118: (unlike Judeans) Galileans regularly crossed Samaria

Jesus and most/all(?) of the Twelve lived in Galilee
He came to Sychar's well around 6:00 p.m. after a long trip

Jesus asked a Samaritess for a drink, but she chided Him over social rules (4:7–9) 2

Jesus, though alone, spoke to an ostracized Samaritess

She (calling Jesus a Judean) chided Him over social rules

Mark 14:70 speaks of Judeans recognizing a Galilean accent, implying that a distinctive Judean accent also existed. Maybe He had a Judean accent (inherited from His family, despite growing up in Galilee)

Few Galilean residents (other than Judeans living in Galilee) went to Jerusalem for Passover: so she may have assumed (from His return from Passover) that He was Judean

Do not associate with: The Greek may mean: *do not associate with* or *do not share eating utensils*. Either way, she will not share her water with Him

**After requesting a drink, He said she would have asked Him 3
for living water, if she knew God's gift and the Giver (4:10)**

What is living water?

1. Some say it is the Holy Spirit, because of John 7:39
2. However, John 7:39 (itself) negates this as a solution
3. Many identify it as everlasting life (I once held this view)
4. However, asking is not the same as believing. Jesus emphasizes that everlasting life comes by believing

The solution: If you knew the gift and Jesus is the Giver, you would have asked and He would have told you how to get the gift from the giver (Christ)

Living water is _____

**She doubted that He could give her living water, because 4
He seemed incapable of performing His promise (4:11–12)**

**The living water He gives is greater than the best spring
water: an eternal thirst quencher, an artesian well springing
up into everlasting life (4:13–14)**

**She wanted that eternal thirst quencher so she would not
need to draw again (4:15)**

CONCLUSION