



# JOURNEY with JESUS

## Eternal Living Water

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### John 4:13-14

*Jesus answered, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life."*

A Woman.

A Samaritan.

An Outcast.

Jesus meets her exactly where she is, at a well in the middle of the day.

Put yourself in her shoes.

You go to the well in the middle of the day to avoid having to see the other women in town. A man, who is a Jew, comes and asks *you* for a drink. You're surprised and confused and you ask, "How can you ask me for water? Do you know who I am?"

The man then says, "If you knew who I was you would have asked me for water, and I would have given you *living water*."

What is this guy talking about? How is he going to get this water? Who does he think that he is?

He responds and this time not only does he offer you living water, he offers you *eternal water*.

You relent: "Okay, if it means I never have to come this well again, then let's go."

The man realizes you don't fully grasp what he is offering you, so he gives you more. He tells you everything you have ever done, and your history isn't exactly clean as a whistle.

You feel something. You feel known? Ashamed? Definitely curious. Who is this guy? A prophet. He has to be, he knew everything about you. You ask him a theological question that was often being discussed at the time. He is patient and answers you. He tells you things you don't expect to hear. Things that sound like the *future*. Things that the Messiah would know.

He looks at you and says, "I am He. Jesus."

And you start believe. You tell everyone. And because of your testimony, many more believed in him.

In this moment, Jesus talks to someone who he “shouldn’t” have been talking to and offers her not only eternity, but healing in the present.

Eternal and Living Water. Jesus offers us water that will heal us today and forever, no matter where we have been or what we have done.

The Message says, “The water I give will be an artesian spring within, gushing fountains of endless life.”

This summer, on our way home from Colorado, we stopped at The Blue Hole in Santa Rosa. It is an 80’ deep natural artesian well. There is a constant inflow of 3,000 gallons of water per minute, which means, the water completely renews itself every six hours! It is never the same lake twice.

I jumped in the water off of a [short] cliff. I hit the clear blue hole and sprung up coldly and quickly. The water is a constant 62 degrees no matter the outside conditions.

Isn’t that just like Jesus? Constant no matter what is happening around us, offering us living water, water that is constantly making us clean, and renewing us daily.

## Closing

*Come as you are*

*No time to waste*

*Open your heart*

*Don’t be afraid*

*Jump on in*

*The water is fine*

*There’s healing in the river of life.*

*Brothers, Sisters*

*Come on down to that river*

*Guaranteed you’ll never be the same*

*There’s a fountain flowing from the heart of the Savior*

*Bring your sins and all your guilty stains*

*By the blood of Jesus everything will change*

*Let that river of life wash it all away.*

(“River of Life,” by Mac Powell)

## Questions

- Most women went to the well in the morning and evening. Why would this woman go in the middle of the day? How do you see her change after she meets Jesus?
- When you hear about Jesus offering living water, what does that mean to you? Is Jesus acting as living water in your life or just eternal water?
- The Samaritans were avoided because they were considered a “mixed race.” Who is a marginalized group today that many Christians avoid because they are regarded as “impure?”